

under the Violence Against Women Act go towards essential shelter operations and support services. Moreover, we must ensure that shelters and crisis centers receive sufficient funding to provide this safety net to some of our most vulnerable citizens.

Madam Speaker, I stand today before my colleagues to ask for continued support and assistance of domestic violence prevention programs. It is essential that we not only draw attention to domestic violence this month, but continue making progress on this devastating problem so that it will no longer affect our communities and families. As we remember the victims of domestic violence, we must learn from their courage and work to assure that our communities are safe places to live, work, and raise our families. In Florida and throughout our nation, education, enforcement and support are the keys to solving and breaking the cycle of domestic violence.

HONORING CAPTAIN WEI JIAFU
FOR HIS LONGSTANDING COMMITMENT TO THE CITIZENS OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I am privileged today to honor a pioneer who has helped create a strong bridge of understanding and development between the people of his country and the people of the United States of America. For over a decade Captain Wei Jiafu has been the President of COSCO, the largest ocean shipping company in the People's Republic of China. During this time Captain Wei has worked hard to increase the level of understanding between U.S. and Chinese business leaders.

Captain Wei's relationship with the U.S. has been a long and honored one. In his early years as a sea captain, Captain Wei was given special recognition by the U.S. Coast Guard for his knowledge and skill in navigating U.S. waters. In addition to Captain Wei's technical knowledge of U.S. waters, he commands a mastery of the navigational practices that make both national and international waters safe. Under Captain Wei's leadership, COSCO was the first foreign shipping company to comply with newly-enacted Homeland Security regulations governing shipping containers. As astounding as all of these accomplishments may be, Captain Wei's dedication to the U.S. goes further.

Throughout his career, Captain Wei's commitment to the American workforce has been unwavering. As President of COSCO, Captain Wei oversees the largest Chinese employer of American citizens. Under Captain Wei's guidance, COSCO has been honored by the ports of Long Beach, Seattle, New York, and Boston, for his commitment to their employees. Most notably, has been his commitment to the workers of Massachusetts, where COSCO has contributed to the creation of thousands of maritime-related jobs by establishing shipping services between the Port of Boston and ports in China. Captain Wei has even dedicated a chair to Boston's prestigious Harvard University.

In addition, Captain Wei has been instrumental in protecting our oceans. He has generously donated to the cause of cleaner oceans and the protection of sea life in Alaska.

With that in mind, I would like to commend Captain Wei for his commitment to professionalism which has facilitated both a productive and personal relationship between the people of the United States of America and the People's Republic of China. Furthermore, I would like to recognize Captain Wei for his charitable contributions in support of higher learning in the United States and around the world. Captain Wei is truly a "Peoples' Ambassador" to the United States of America.

HONORING THE COMMUNITY OF
WYNMOOR IN COCONUT CREEK,
FLORIDA

HON. ROBERT WEXLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

Mr. WEXLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Community of Wynmoor in Coconut Creek, Florida, which is celebrating its 35th Anniversary this week.

Wynmoor is an active senior community in South Florida with approximately 9,000 residents, many of whom regularly mentor in local schools, volunteer for city affairs, and greatly contribute to the vitality of the City of Coconut Creek and the surrounding communities. With a PGA-recognized country club golf course, serene lakes and sparkling fountains, Wynmoor is truly a beautiful place to live, and for many who live there, a wonderful place to retire and enjoy life.

Wynmoor residents find many ways to remain active and healthy with multiple tennis courts and health and fitness facilities available to them, as well as with a multitude of social activities planned throughout the year, including cultural and social clubs, several charitable organizations, live theater, dances, movies, classes and lectures. When I visit my constituents in Wynmoor, I am always thrilled to engage with them on the issues of importance to our community because they care deeply about the issues that affect South Florida.

Madam Speaker, I am deeply proud to represent the Community of Wynmoor and all of its residents in Congress, and I wish the entire community a happy and healthy 35 more years and an enjoyable anniversary celebration this week.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 772, 773, and 774, I was absent from the House.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

THE DISCLOSURE OF PRESIDENTIAL DECLASSIFICATION OF INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION ACT OF 2009

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to introduce the "Disclosure of Presidential Declassification of Intelligence Information Act of 2009."

This bill will help increase transparency by requiring the White House to release public notices when classified materials are declassified. Specifically, this legislation would require the President to inform the relevant congressional committees within 15 days whenever intelligence has been declassified. The bill also contains a sense of Congress that additional notice should be given to the Director of National Intelligence, the Archivist of the United States, and the heads of the applicable elements of the intelligence community.

In January of this year, I released a report documenting several abuses and excesses of the Bush Administration. The Report, titled "Reining in the Imperial Presidency: Lessons and Recommendations Relating to the Presidency of George W. Bush," contained 50 separate recommendations designed to restore and support the traditional checks and balances of our constitutional system.

This bill carries out the recommendation that Congress consider legislation requiring the President to announce the declassification of classified materials.

As the report details, the Bush administration selectively leaked numerous items of classified information to strengthen the case for war in Iraq. For example, evidence suggests that President Bush secretly authorized the declassification of information without notice in an effort to neutralize Ambassador Joe Wilson's op-ed that raised questions about the case for war.

This bill will help to prevent similar future abuses and political manipulation of intelligence authority by alerting Congress when information is declassified. Such transparency in presidential delegations of declassified authority is a matter of good government regardless of who occupies the White House.

A TRIBUTE TO SHARONNIE M.
PERRY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Sharonnie M. Perry, a great community activist.

Sharonnie has lived her life by one of her favorite mottos, "I Have Come To Serve And Not To Be Served." She has served for over 35 years as a community activist, beginning in her early days fighting against decentralization of public schools.

As founder of "Parents on the Move", a self-help organization for homeless parents and children, she advocated for affordable housing, education and employment for the

homeless population across New York City. In 1982, Sharonnie saw a need which became one of her greatest passions to date. She has traveled across the country conducting workshops and speaking out for quality health care and services for our brothers, sisters and children living with HIV/AIDS.

Sharonnie was born in the village of Bedford Stuyvesant. She is the mother of two sons, Da-Shawn and Jah-Son, and the proud grandmother to Jaylin and Jah-Son, Jr. She is a woman of faith and believes if you put God at the head and Jesus at the center of your life that you won't fail. Sharonnie attributes her victories and successes, first and foremost to the Creator, her parents, family, her mentors, spiritual advisors and friends.

Sharonnie has been recognized across the country for her activism on behalf of the underserved people in our communities. In summarizing her commitment to family, church and community, she always says, "If I Can Help Somebody Along The Way, Then My Living Would Not Have Been In Vain".

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Sharonnie M. Perry.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Madam Speaker, I was absent from votes on September 29 and 30, October 1 and October 6–8 for medical reasons. Had I been present, I would have voted as indicated for each rollcall listed. I ask that my statement be included in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Rollcall vote 740: "nay"; rollcall vote 741: "yea"; rollcall vote 742: "yea"; rollcall vote 743: "nay"; rollcall vote 744: "nay"; rollcall vote 745: "yea"; rollcall vote 746: "yea"; rollcall vote 747: "yea"; rollcall vote 748: "yea"; and rollcall vote 749: "nay".

Rollcall vote 750: "yea"; rollcall vote 751: "yea"; rollcall vote 752: "nay"; rollcall vote 753: "yea"; rollcall vote 754: "yea"; rollcall vote 755: "yea"; rollcall vote 756: "nay"; rollcall vote 757: "nay"; rollcall vote 758: "nay"; and rollcall vote 759: "nay".

Rollcall vote 760: "nay"; rollcall vote 761: "nay"; rollcall vote 762: "nay"; rollcall vote 763: "yea"; rollcall vote 764: "nay"; rollcall vote 765: "nay"; rollcall vote 766: "yea"; rollcall vote 767: "yea"; and rollcall vote 768: "yea".

HONORING JUDGE BRUCE W. KAUFFMAN FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE LEGAL COMMUNITY

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary contributions that Judge Bruce W. Kauffman has made to the legal community in his five decades of service.

A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and Yale Law School, Judge Kauffman began

his service to the legal community as a law clerk to the Honorable Vincent S. Haneman of the Superior Court of New Jersey, and thereafter joined the law firm of Dilworth Paxson, where he represented some of the nation's most high-profile clients and rose to become chairman of the firm.

In 1980, Judge Kauffman was appointed to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, where he served with distinction for two years. In 1997, President Bill Clinton nominated Judge Kauffman to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. During his tenure, the Judge returned to his alma mater and served as an Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of Pennsylvania. Judge Kauffman served on the District Court until his retirement from the Federal bench in July of 2009.

Those who know the Judge know that his service is not finished, and that he is undertaking a new commitment to serve as Cochairman of the Executive Committee at Elliott Greenleaf, where he will be instrumental in providing counsel to clients and mentoring attorneys, as he has done for so many others throughout his career.

Madam Speaker, Judge Kauffman has been an excellent jurist, teacher, and mentor for five decades. On a more personal note, Judge Kauffman has been a mentor to me both professionally and personally, and was instrumental in introducing me to my wife, whom he mentored as well. Judge Kauffman has a proud record of service to our country and I am proud to call him my friend. I congratulate Judge Kauffman for all his accomplishments and wish him the best of luck in all of his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE ATLANTIC INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY ASSOCIATION ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate H. Res. 465, a resolution recognizing the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway Association (AIWA) on the occasion of its 10th anniversary. As a proud co-sponsor of this legislation, I believe that AIWA's vital work has ensured open and safe for navigation for recreational and commercial users throughout the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway (AIWW).

Since its completion in 1940, the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway has provided a safe navigation channel for commercial shipping and support for and encouragement of interstate commerce. Unfortunately, the Waterway has suffered from a lack of maintenance, which has resulted in a reduction of depth that has hindered the Waterway's ability to provide a safe and efficient transportation route. Recognizing this problem, AIWA has become an unwavering advocate for appropriate dredging and adequate maintenance to promote safe, cost effective navigation, while balancing environmental needs.

I commend their tradition of excellence in service to Waterway users, many of them are my constituents in Florida. The Waterway

plays an important role in my district and throughout the state of Florida. Many of my constituents come from communities around Indian River Lagoon, a portion of the AIWW, and are able to find employment opportunities in the industries that the Waterway provides. In such tough economic times, this is extremely important and should not be overlooked.

Madam Speaker, over the past ten years AIWA has made significant contributions to local communities. I urge them to continue their essential work and support for the Waterway.

JUDGE GEORGE D. CARROLL
COURTHOUSE RENAMING CEREMONY

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today and invite my colleagues to join me in honoring Judge George D. Carroll of Richmond, California, for his many years of service to the community. Judge Carroll has provided remarkable leadership to the citizens of Richmond and his legacy will be forever recognized as the Richmond Courthouse is renamed in his honor on October 16, 2009.

George Carroll was born on January 6, 1923 in Brooklyn, New York. He served in the United States Army during World War II and was stationed in Italy. Judge Carroll subsequently used his GI Benefits to attend college and law school, graduating from Brooklyn College in 1943 and Brooklyn Law School in 1950. Following his admittance to the New York Bar, he ran a private practice in New York from 1951–1952.

In 1953, Judge Carroll moved to Richmond, California and his trailblazing legacy began. The same year he moved to Richmond, he became the city's first African American lawyer to practice law; serving in private practice until 1965. Judge Carroll continued to break racial barriers in 1961 by becoming the first African American elected to the Richmond City Council. From 1964–1965 he served as Richmond's first African American Mayor, a position unprecedented in any large American city. And finally, Judge Carroll became the first African American County Supervisor for Contra Costa County, California. Governor Edmund G. (Pat) Brown appointed Judge Carroll to the Contra Costa Municipal Court in May 1965 making him the first African American Judge to be appointed in Contra Costa County, where he served until his retirement in 1985.

Judge Carroll is a founding member of the Judicial Council of the National Bar Association and a lifetime member of the NAACP as well as the Sigma Pi Phi and Omega Psi Phi Fraternities. He is a former member of the Charles Houston Bar Association, California Judges Association, American Bar Association, American Judicature Society, World Association of Judge of the World Peace Through Law Center, Board of Governors of the United Bay Area Crusade, Richmond Boys' Club and the Neighborhood House of North Richmond.

Madam Speaker, as a result of Judge Carroll's leadership, advocacy and promotion