

dedication to this cause. Over several decades, he has taught hundreds of youth and adults in the Wilmington area valuable lessons and skills that have made meaningful and lasting impact on their lives, and our community will always remain grateful.

Madam Speaker, may we never forget the goodness, humility, and character that defined the life of William Murphy. May God continue to bless his wife, Audrie, his five children, Portia, Glenda, William, Torey, Russell, and all of his loved ones, the work he did, and the greatness that he inspired within all who knew him.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mrs. EMERSON. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 783 and rollcall No. 784 regarding the Homeland Security Fiscal Year 2010 Appropriations Conference Report, I am not recorded (because I was absent for my step daughter's wedding.) Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall No. 783 and "aye" on rollcall No. 784.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING DREW GOODING FOR WINNING THE AMERICANISM ESSAY WRITING CONTEST

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker,

Whereas, Drew Gooding won the Elks Grand Lodge essay writing contest, demonstrating a mastery of thought and word; and

Whereas, he has shown to take interest in upholding the values that make us a free nation; and

Whereas, Drew Gooding is honored for his patriotism and excellence in writing and; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend and thank Drew Gooding for his contributions to his community and country.

VOTES ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15 AND PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA'S VISIT TO NEW ORLEANS

HON. STEVE SCALISE

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. SCALISE. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, October 15, 2009, I was unable to cast votes in Congress due to my attendance at President Barack Obama's visit in New Orleans to discuss Hurricane Katrina related recovery issues.

It is critical that President Obama stand firm by his commitment to rebuild the Gulf Coast from the destruction caused by Hurricane

Katrina. There are several top priorities for which I personally requested the President's direct assistance including his explicit support for Category 5 hurricane protection, including strengthening our levees, improving our interior drainage protection, and rebuilding our eroding coastline. Category 5 protection is vital to the safety of Louisiana's families and to the full recovery of our region. The Corps of Engineers must make a full commitment to move forward with the safest and strongest plan to provide our communities with comprehensive flood and storm protection, and the President's support of the Louisiana Congressional delegation's efforts to achieve this goal is critical to our successful recovery. Coastal restoration is an essential component of our flood protection efforts, as Louisiana loses about 25 square miles of coastline each year. These wetlands provide a natural buffer to protect us from storm surge, and without them, the potential for loss of life and property damage increases significantly with each approaching storm. It is important that the Administration and Congress work together expeditiously to make significant investments in coastal restoration efforts.

While much has been done since Katrina to help restore the region, bureaucratic red tape remains a major hurdle to a successful recovery and continues to slow down our recovery and impair the abilities of our State and local governments to serve our citizens and respond to future disasters. If we have learned anything since Hurricane Katrina, it is that we cannot allow the same approach that failed us during Katrina to be followed again. FEMA must continue to work with our Congressional delegation and officials in Louisiana to expedite our recovery. During the town hall meeting, President Obama was asked to resolve the delays in our recovery, particularly with regard to Public Assistance projects and Community Disaster Loans, and to ensure that other states and communities do not have to face these challenges with future disasters.

There are too many lives and too much taxpayer money at stake to get it wrong again. I hope we will be able to continue discussing these efforts in the future and that this and future visits will help the President understand the very serious issues we are still facing.

IN HONOR OF MR. THOMAS PIGG

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a true friend of the outdoors whose life was tragically cut short this summer.

Thomas Pigg, of Carlyle, Illinois, was an employee of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Carlyle Lake for four years, and then at the Kaskaskia River Project for another three. He was an instructor at the Illinois Federation of Outdoor Recreation's Youth Skills Camp and was dedicated to exploring and preserving the natural treasures of his native Clinton County, especially the Carlyle Lake recreation area. Tom believed that our natural resources should be enjoyed by all and he worked tirelessly to see that the young people of our community had the opportunity to visit

and benefit from having such a magnificent site as Carlyle Lake in their back yard.

Tragically, Tom's life was cut short by an automobile accident in July. I extend my heartfelt condolences to his father and step-mother, Daniel and Bonnie; his mother and step-father, Candyce and Russel; his brothers, Andy and Wes; his sister, Katie; his step-brother, Corey; and the many members of his family and community who mourn his loss.

Tom's memory will live on at his beloved Carlyle Lake, however. This month, the Corps of Engineers will honor Tom's service and his devotion by dedicating a section of the lake as the Thomas M. Pigg Wetland Restoration Area. It is a fitting honor for a man who was taken from us too soon and it is a site to honor Tom's wish for future generations to enjoy our nation's wonderful natural resources.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM PRICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, I was unable to record my vote due to a family illness.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on all.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF MACK MARTIN BOYNTON

HON. BARON P. HILL

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, throughout his twenty-six year military career, Mack Martin Boynton was a leader among his fellow service men. Serving in the diving, salvage, and rescue operation, Mack developed many ways to streamline the repair of naval vessels. These techniques were able to save the country precious resources in the aftermath of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Thanks to his intellect and ingenuity, Mack became one of the youngest Warrant Officers in the Navy.

Mack continued his career as a member of the Underwater Demolition Team (UDT), a then newly-formed arm of the United States Navy. His commitment to service and dedication inspired others and led him to become one of the best recruiters for the UDT program. Mack continued his committed service through the Korean War, where he received the Bronze Star Medal and a commendation from Vice Admiral Joy for heroic action against the enemy. During his career he was involved in the early studies and implementation of the first Navy SEALs team.

With his sterling service record and considerable honors, Mack serves as an example of the caliber of individuals who we have the privilege of calling our servicemen. I am honored that Mack and his fellow Fifties Frogs have selected Clarksville, Indiana, to hold their annual reunion. When these heroic Americans convene their meeting here in Southern Indiana, we should pause, even if only for a moment, and give thanks to them for their contribution toward our freedom.

RYAN WHITE HIV/AIDS TREATMENT EXTENSION ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my strong support for S. 1793, the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act.

We all know the troubling statistics. Since its inception, AIDS has claimed almost 600,000 lives in the United States. Over 1 million Americans are living with HIV/AIDS today. Recent data from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) suggest that HIV diagnoses are increasing, by as much as 15 percent in three years. As the AIDS crisis has continued year after year, it has become more and more difficult for anyone to claim that AIDS is someone else's problem.

Since 1990, the Ryan White program has helped establish a comprehensive, community-based continuum of care for uninsured and under-insured people living with HIV and AIDS, including access to primary medical care, pharmaceuticals, and other services. In New Jersey, Ryan White funding helps support the state's AIDS Drug Assistance Program, which in 2008 provided almost 5,000 patients with needed HIV medications.

As we debate health care reform, it is important that we keep the needs of HIV/AIDS patients in mind. I have spoken out in favor of reforming Medicare Part D to work seamlessly with state AIDS Drug Assistance Programs and to ensure these patients have continuous access to their needed anti-retroviral prescriptions. These provisions are currently included in America's Affordable Health Choices Act, and I look forward to working with my colleagues to strengthen these policies for HIV/AIDS patients.

By passing S. 1793 today, Madam Speaker, we will affirm our commitment to people living with HIV/AIDS and their families. We also will be affirming our dedication to sound public policy. By reauthorizing the Ryan White Act, we will give hope and a real chance for a better life to thousands of HIV/AIDS victims.

THE FOURTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF SOUTH BAY FAMILY HEALTH CARE

HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Ms. HARMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the achievements of South Bay Family Health Care on the 40th Anniversary of its founding. Since 1969, SBFHC has provided health care to underserved residents in the South Bay region of my Congressional District, growing from a single-site family planning clinic serving 1,600 patients per year, to a system of four comprehensive health clinics serving more than 16,000 patients per year. Today, it is one of Los Angeles County's leading community health clinics and largest safety net providers to the uninsured and underinsured.

SBFHC has evolved and adapted to meet changing community needs. In the mid-1980s,

in response to the emerging HIV/AIDS crisis, it opened the first and only HIV/AIDS center in the South Bay. In 2002, it changed its model from a free clinic to a Federally Qualified Health Center with a sliding pay scale, making the clinic eligible for federal funding to expand its services and the number of people served.

Today, with a budget of \$9 million, SBFHC provides 70,000 visits per year. Its services cover a broad spectrum, covering preventative care, chronic disease management, prenatal and pediatric medicine, dental care, and social services including mental health and domestic violence prevention.

In an effort to bring service to patients, SBFHC sponsors a "Healthy Kids Express" mobile care center that provides immunizations and care for sick children at local school districts, community events and health fairs.

SBFHC also does fantastic work for minorities: 65 percent of their patients are Latino and 16 percent are African-American.

I also want to recognize the CEO of SBFHC, Jann Hamilton Lee, for her leadership and guidance to me as a member of my Medicine Cabinet—a bipartisan group of healthcare experts from my district who advise me on health policy.

My congratulations to Jann and everyone else who has proudly served the South Bay Family Health Center for 40 years of service. The residents of the South Bay—and your representative in Congress—are grateful.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. LAWRENCE PARISH IN LAWRENCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the St. Lawrence Parish in Lawrenceville, Illinois. On October 18, 2009, a centennial liturgy was celebrated with Bishop Edward K. Braxton acting as the celebrant and homilist. A dinner was held after the service to honor the event.

On July 20, 1909, local Catholics met at Lawrenceville City Hall hoping to form their own parish. After land was purchased, 22 families celebrated the first mass in the unfinished church. Ruth August Diver was the first parishioner to be baptized in the new church on March 5, 1911. The finished church was dedicated in October of 1911. The parish has continued to expand, including the opening of a school in 1956.

I would like to congratulate the members of St. Lawrence Parish for reaching this milestone and wish them a blessed and joyous celebration as they mark 100 years of service to God and their community. I want to encourage the parish with the words of Matthew 5:16; "Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."

TRIBUTE TO JIM LIPTAK

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jim Liptak, a resident and community leader from Paso Robles, California, for his outstanding and exemplary leadership while serving as the 2009 President of the California Association of REALTORS®.

Jim has been a longtime successful leader in local real estate matters, reflecting immense enthusiasm, care, and commitment to his community. He has served the Paso Robles Association of REALTORS® in all levels of leadership and has served two terms as President since being named Realtor of the Year five times by his peers at the Paso Robles Association of REALTORS®.

Jim has also ably represented Paso Robles realtors and the Paso Robles community in the state and national association. He started his career in 1983 as a California Association of REALTORS® (C.A.R.) Director, winning an election for the position as a "Write-in Candidate." He has since served as Chair on over 5 committees and was a 1995 Chairman of the California Association of REALTORS® Legislative Committee, where he holds the record for most bills introduced in a single session, 17. In 1998 he became the Honorary Director for Life in the California Association of REALTORS®, and is the first realtor in Region 31 of the Central Coast to be named a National Association of REALTORS® Director. Since 2006, Mr. Liptak has been an Honorary Life Member by the Paso Robles Association of REALTORS®, and is a "National Ten Year Golden R" Member—President's Circle.

A true mark of leadership is the generosity of time and talents that one gives on behalf of his neighbors and communities. Jim Liptak exemplifies this time-honored tradition. I commend Jim for his service and leadership as President of the California Association of REALTORS® and wish him and his family well as he continues to serve our community.

RYAN WHITE HIV/AIDS TREATMENT EXTENSION ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 3792, The Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009. Nearly twenty years after the enactment of the landmark Ryan White Act, Congress renewed its commitment today to provide primary medical care and treatment for uninsured or underinsured people living with HIV/AIDS. For nearly two decades, low-income Americans living with HIV/AIDS have relied on the life-saving benefits offered under this program and I am pleased to join my colleagues in reauthorizing this important legislation.

Currently, New York State is home to 120,000 individuals living with HIV/AIDS—the