

Dismal Swamp is maintained as a swamp by fixed weirs across the drainage ditches to restrict the flow of water out of the swamp and inward to Lake Drummond in the middle of the Dismal Swamp. The water exiting Lake Drummond through a feeder ditch is used to maintain the level of water in the Dismal Swamp Canal, a portion of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway. When Lake Drummond spilled from its banks due to heavy rains, it inundated areas of the city. The public perceives that the Corps may have prevented or minimized the flooding by diverting the floodwaters from Lake Drummond through the navigation locks at Deep Creek, Virginia, and at South Mills, North Carolina.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 2, 2009

Mr. CONAWAY. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 829—Motion to recommit H.R. 3854, had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

NATIONAL METASTATIC BREAST
CANCER AWARENESS DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 787 designating October 13th as National Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day.

At a health care public forum I held in my district on October 25th, I had the great pleasure of meeting a woman of true inspiration.

Kristen Martinez of Colebrook, at the age of 31, was diagnosed with Stage 4 metastatic breast cancer. She had no idea the severe back pains and chronic fatigue were clear symptoms of cancer, but they were signs the cancer spread to her bones. As she stated, she was forced to face her own mortality as diagnosis touched her life during a time when she “was on top of the world.”

Kristen, like many women living with metastatic breast cancer, has faced a constant cycle of switching from different treatment methods. In her own words, Kristen said “living with metastatic breast cancer has been a journey filled with every emotion one could imagine.” But as a testament to her own personal strength, she has faced the illness head-on.

She has become an advocate on behalf of young woman across our nation living with breast cancer. As an active member of the Metastatic Breast Cancer Network, Young Survival Coalition, a graduate of the National Breast Cancer Coalition’s Project Lead and a volunteer patient advocate for breast cancer survivors, Kristen has provided motivation and encouragement for fellow women facing this debilitating disease.

In her own right, she has emerged from this battle as a stronger woman, devoted to giving back to her community and the young women of our nation. I am proud to co-sponsor this

resolution with my good friend Representative ROSA DELAURO, on behalf of Kristen Martinez and over 155,000 women and men who are presently living with metastatic breast cancer.

CELEBRATION OF MRS. MAGGIE
KATIE BROWN KIDD’S 105TH
BIRTHDAY

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 2, 2009

Mr. SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, as the Proverb states, “Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies.” I rise today to recognize a truly virtuous woman whose life is not only far above rubies, but one of great milestones and accomplishments that is worthy of celebration. On November 27th of this year, Mrs. Maggie Katie Brown Kidd will turn 105 years old and I am honored to serve as a spokesman for Mrs. Kidd’s family members and friends who will recognize her birthday with a party in her honor.

Born during President Theodore Roosevelt’s second term in office, Mrs. Kidd has been blessed to see 17 Presidents in her lifetime. The eleventh and youngest child of William and Lucy Brown, Mrs. Kidd learned the importance of hard work and faith in God at an early age. Baptized at the Mount Zion Baptist Church by the Reverend Henry Gresham, she served under the leadership of the Reverend W.M. Combs until she moved to her current home in Atlanta Ga. However, her faith is her Lord and her dedication to the church never left her and she instilled the traditions of faith and her work in her own family. She married the late Willie Kidd, III on November 30, 1940, and together they raised their two children, John and Rosalyn. She is also the proud grandmother to four and the great-grandmother to three and serves as the matriarch of her loving family.

Mrs. Kidd’s family describes her as a loving and selfless member of her community, offering her time and whatever she has to those in need. She is also an avid quilter and participates in family gatherings and activities outside of Georgia. Her most favorite moments, however, are the ones on a quiet afternoon stitching in her favorite chair.

Madam Speaker, I am so honored to serve as Mrs. Kidd’s representative. Her life is a living history of the times and events that have shaped our great land and is a monument to how far we’ve come as a nation. Moreover, her life serves as a testament to individuals and families everywhere that a strong unbinding faith in the Lord, coupled with hard work and a dedication to family will carry you far in life. As the Proverb states, “favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised”. Mrs. Maggie Katie Brown Kidd truly embodies the example of a virtuous woman and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing her life by wishing her a very happy 105th birthday.

TRIBUTE TO DR. GAINES
PARTRIDGE

HON. PARKER GRIFFITH

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 2, 2009

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dr. Gaines Roland Partridge. Dr. Partridge had a rewarding career in education that spanned over five decades. The scope of his accomplishments and contributions transcended every level of academia in various capacities, as he served our community as a teacher, principal, Dean, Professor, Department Chair and, in retirement, a student liaison.

Dr. Partridge’s rich legacy was as impressive as it varied. His relationship with and influence on students continues. Few individuals can measure the impact of their accomplishments in such significant numbers. As a result of his passionate advocacy on behalf of minority applicants to Loma Linda University, nearly 800 African American students have become alumni of the institution during his tenure.

Affectionately referred to as “Doc,” Dr. Partridge was steadfast to the cause of self-determination in the Seventh-Day Adventist Church. He provided leadership in the fight to determine the pace, direction, and outcome of their efforts to establish and implement ministry priorities.

Madam Speaker, I wish to recognize Dr. Gaines Partridge on a phenomenal life as educator. His legacy will continue to empower students for years to come.

SMALL BUSINESS FINANCING AND
INVESTMENT ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVID WU

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 29, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3854) to amend the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to improve programs providing access to capital under such Acts, and for other purposes:

Mr. WU. Mr. Chair, I rise today in support of H.R. 3854, the Small Business Financing and Investment Act.

I also want to thank my colleague from Oregon, Congressman KURT SCHRADER, for bringing this important bill to the floor.

H.R. 3854 will create incentives for small business lending, reduce bureaucracy, and increase the size of SBA loans in order to help loosen credit and get capital flowing again to small businesses.

Furthermore, H.R. 3854 addresses an important issue tied to health care reform, the cost of health information technology for small practice providers. These provisions were part of Congresswoman DAHLKEMPER’s Small Business Health Information Technology Financing Act.

This bill will streamline loan processing for health information technology by reducing paperwork for both the lender and applicant, and require a 72-hour response time by SBA on

decisions to guaranty loans. Under the bill, health information technology loans will be guaranteed 90 percent by the SBA, a factor that will encourage robust lender participation in the program.

Health IT has the potential to reduce costs and medical errors, while encouraging greater efficiency. It will be an essential component of our efforts to reform health care.

However, to use health IT most effectively, we must first address three barriers to its widespread adoption: technical standards and interoperability, workforce training, and the realignment of financial incentives.

This bill can help to address a part of the third, which involves the cost of implementation.

I have long believed that we should continue to look at ways that we can create more incentives for small practice doctors to adopt health information technology. It's important to note that 80 percent of all outpatient visits take place in practices with 10 or fewer doctors. It is essential that these practices receive the assistance they need in order to be able to implement health IT.

The larger barrier to health IT adoption is that its associated costs and benefits are not realized equally between health care providers and payors. The financial benefit of health IT accrues to the payor—the insurer—while providers are the parties most likely to bear the cost.

The challenges of implementing health IT vary greatly from large health systems to smaller medical practices. Small medical practices, which may have to incur initial costs of up to \$200,000—around \$40,000 per physician—for a system, may see little, if any, financial benefit from its applications. It's no wonder health IT has a deployment rate of less than 20 percent in these offices.

I have been working with the Education and Labor Committee and leadership to address this issue in health care reform moving forward.

H.R. 3854 will provide financial assistance to these small practices, and I wholeheartedly support this legislation.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEAS OF THE THIRD ANNUAL BLOOD MANAGEMENT AWARENESS WEEK

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 2, 2009

Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mark the beginning of the third annual Blood Management Awareness Week. November 2nd through November 6th has been designated as Blood Management Awareness Week by the Society for the Advancement of Blood Management. This event is dedicated to educating patients and healthcare workers about blood management and blood issues.

Blood management is the appropriate provision and use of blood and its components and derivatives, and strategies to reduce or avoid the need for a blood transfusion. Optimal patient blood management employs technology and techniques to decrease blood loss and to enhance blood cell production. It reduces risks

and costs associated with blood transfusion through transfusion-free medical and surgical techniques.

I would also like to recognize the important work of Englewood Hospital and Medical Center, which is located in my congressional district, to further the goals and ideals of this important event. The Hospital's Institute for Patient Blood Management and Bloodless Medicine and Surgery is a world-renowned leader in patient blood management. I commend the physicians of the Institute for their commitment to improving patient outcomes and educating the medical community about best practices in blood management.

RECOGNIZING FAYE SCHNEIDEWIND FOR 50 YEARS OF SERVICE TO JERRY'S DRIVE-IN

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 2, 2009

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Faye Schneidewind upon the occasion of her 50th year of loyal service to Jerry's Drive-In, a Pensacola, Florida, landmark. Miss Faye is an intimate part of the fabric of our northwest Florida community, and I am proud to recognize her on this achievement.

Faye Schneidewind grew up in Pensacola and still lives only a few blocks from Jerry's. The 80-year-old great-grandmother started working as a waitress at the diner when she was just 21. After a few years away, Miss Faye returned to Jerry's on November 5, 1959, her sister's birthday. She has been serving the customers at Jerry's ever since. Miss Faye knows just about everyone who walks through the doors at Jerry's, and always provides a warm smile, a hot meal, and good conversation. She is as much a part of the history of Jerry's as memorabilia stretching across its walls.

Jerry's Drive-In is a truly family restaurant. Originally named Jerry's Barbeque, Jerry's Drive-In was opened by Jerry Glass in 1939. Raymond "Grandpa" Wessel purchased the restaurant in the early 1950's with his son Bill. The Wessels lived in an apartment above the restaurant. Even after the restaurant was sold, Mr. Wessel continued to maintain his residence above Jerry's. Robert, Jimmy, and Pam Halstead bought Jerry's in 1997 and have continued its tradition of great food and great service.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am honored to recognize Faye Schneidewind on 50 years of dedicated service to Jerry's Drive-In. She is and always will be an invaluable part of our Pensacola heritage. My wife Vicki and I wish Miss Faye, her daughter, her two granddaughters, her nine grandchildren, and her entire extended family at Jerry's all the best for continued success.

RECOGNIZING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY SUTTON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Ms. SUTTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Res. 783 to recognize Hispanic Heritage Month. This resolution celebrates the vast contributions that Hispanic-Americans have made to the history, values and culture of our great nation.

Since the arrival of the earliest Spanish settlers more than 400 years ago, millions of Hispanic men and women have come to the U.S. from Europe, Central and South America, Puerto Rico and Cuba in search of freedom, peace and opportunity.

Their commitment to these American principles has contributed immensely to the prosperity and cultural development of our nation.

With a population totaling 47.5 million, Hispanics represent the fastest-growing ethnic group in America.

According to a 2000 U.S. Census Bureau report, three of the top 10 counties with the highest Hispanic population in the country lie at least partly within Ohio's 13th District.

More than 24,000 Hispanics and Latinos reside in my district, representing nearly 4 percent of the population. In the city of Lorain, Hispanics make up 20 percent of the population.

And, like all Americans today, Latinos remain focused on the economy and its recovery.

Hispanic-Americans in my district are supported by community centered organizations, such as El Centro de Servicios Sociales.

Located in the City of Lorain, El Centro is a Hispanic-Latino non-profit advocacy organization. It works to provide social, educational, cultural and development services that are essential to members of our communities.

Our country's success rests on the longstanding ideal that anyone—regardless of ethnicity, gender, race or religion—can achieve the American dream.

With Hispanic culture rooted deeply in my district, I am proud to celebrate the contributions and heritage of our country's Hispanic community. And, it is my honor to serve Hispanic Americans as a member of Congress.

RECOGNIZING ARTE MORENO, RECIPIENT OF THE 2009 GUIDING LIGHT PHILANTHROPY AWARD

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 2, 2009

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Arte Moreno, who has been honored by the Tempe Community Council with this year's Guiding Light Philanthropy Award. The Tempe Community Council seeks to recognize individuals who have a direct impact on the success of Tempe programs and services through generous financial support, and Arte's contributions to the community have been outstanding.

As a lifelong resident and former mayor of Tempe, I am incredibly proud of Arte's incredibly generous gift to the Tempe Community