

Ambrosio Guillen, 23, El Paso; PFC Whitt Lloyd Moreland, 21, Waco; 2nd LT George Herman O'Brien, Jr., 26, Fort Worth; Hospitalman John Edward Kilmer, 21, Houston; PFC Alfred Mac Wilson, 21, Abilene; LCPL Thomas Elbert Creek, 18, Amarillo; SGT Alfredo (Freddy) Gonzalez, 21, Edinburg; LCPL Richard Allen Anderson, 21, Houston; PFC Oscar Palmer Austin, 21, Nacogdoches; 2nd LT Terrence Collinson Graves, 22, Corpus Christi; LCPL Miguel Keith, 18, San Antonio

On top of this monument stands a sculpture of the Marine Corps official emblem—the eagle, globe and anchor. The eagle with spread wings resting on top of the world reminds us what our Marines do for us—they protect us at all costs.

I hope that as families use Town Green Park in the future, they look upon the monument with pride and honor these brave soldiers by reflecting on all those serving in our Armed Forces. Parents will impress upon their children the great honor bestowed on these great individuals from the Lone Star State and tell them how admirable it is that these men have sacrificed much to allow us all to freely walk, worship and live in America.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to recognize the Texas Marines Medal of Honor Monument in the U.S. House of Representatives. I urge you to join me in remembering these seventeen Texans who received the Medal of Honor as well as all of our Marines and other servicemen and servicewomen for the sacrifices they have made for the people of the United States of America.

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#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 6, 2009*

Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, I was unable to cast the recorded vote for rollcall 848. Had I been present I would have voted “yes” for this measure.

Bill H.R. 3639, Sutton of Ohio Amendment No. 4, On Agreeing to the Amendment, rollcall No. 848, “yes.”

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#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 6, 2009*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, on November 5, 2009, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to record my vote for rollcall No. 864. Had I been present I would have voted:

Rollcall No. 864: “aye”—Expressing support for the goals and ideals of National Family Literacy Day.

CONGRATULATING LIEUTENANT GENERAL TERRY L. GABRESKI ON OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

### HON. STEVE AUSTRIA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 6, 2009*

Mr. AUSTRIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lieutenant General Terry L. Gabreski, for her outstanding service to our Nation on the occasion of her retirement.

On behalf of the people of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District, I am honored to congratulate Lieutenant General Gabreski upon her retirement as Vice Commander of the Air Force Material Command at Wright Patterson Air Force Base.

Her dedicated service to the citizens of our Nation and our area is both admirable and commendable. Gabreski received her commission in 1974 upon her graduation from officer training school. Since that time, she has served as director of maintenance for the deputy chief of staff for installations and logistics at Headquarters, U.S. Air Force.

Over the course of her distinguished career, she has also directed two aircraft maintenance units, served as a squadron maintenance supervisor in three units, commanded three maintenance squadrons and a logistics group, and twice served as a major air command director of logistics. Lieutenant General Gabreski will be retiring effective January 1, 2010.

For her many years of service to our Nation, I join the people of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District in extending our best wishes upon her retirement and wish her ongoing success in all future endeavors.

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#### TRIBUTE TO JANICE WILSON

### HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 6, 2009*

Mr. LEVIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize my friend and colleague in public service, Janice Wilson of Fraser, Michigan, as she retires after 26 years of devoted and talented service on the City Council. I deeply enjoy working with Jan as she is a warm and passionate advocate for many important causes.

Jan Wilson earned a bachelor's degree from Ball State University and received a master's degree from Wayne State University, where she later went on to become an instructor. In 1958, Jan Wilson began working on behalf of children with disabilities and their families at the Macomb Intermediate School District and she continued in this capacity until 2000.

In 1962, Jan and her husband Bob moved to the City of Fraser, where they have become an important part of this wonderful community. She has served her community in many capacities including as a member of the Recreation Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals. She was elected to the Fraser City Council in 1983, and during her tenure, served 4 terms as Mayor Pro-tem.

Advocacy and devotion to helping people are the cornerstones of Jan Wilson's career.

She is involved in many local organizations, never hesitating to take on another responsibility or to wear another hat if she thought it would help. She is a founding member of the Macomb County Child Abuse and Neglect Information Council. She was asked to serve on the Community Mental Health Board, the advisory boards of the Community Assessment Referral Education (CARE) Agency and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. She is also the past president of the Fraser Goodfellows.

Protecting the environment is one Jan Wilson's many civic passions. Governor Jennifer Granholm appointed her to Michigan's Air Pollution Control Commission and she also served on the Southeast Michigan Council of Government's (SEMCOG) Council on Environmental Quality. Governor Granholm also appointed her to the Michigan Commission on Services to the Aging. All of Jan Wilson's achievements have been recognized over the years as she has been recognized as the WWJ Citizen of the Week, the Handicapped Professional Woman of the Year, and Volunteer of the Year.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the dedicated public service of Jan Wilson and her numerous achievements on behalf of children, families and her community. I am so pleased to join with the entire community in paying tribute to her achievements, thanking her for years of talented service and for being such a good friend to so many of us. I am confident she will continue to play an important role in the community where she is highly thought of, in addition to enjoying a bit of retirement with her husband and their four grandchildren.

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#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 6, 2009*

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, consistent with the Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I submit this statement.

Requesting Member: Congressman BILL SHUSTER (PA-9)

Bill Number: H.R. 2997—Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY 2010

Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Projects

Project Name: Flight 93 National Memorial  
Account: National Park Service, Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: National Park Service

Address of Requesting Entity: 109 West Main Street, Suite 104, Somerset, PA 15501

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: \$725,000 for Flight 93 National Memorial

It is my understanding that funding for this project would be used for infrastructure costs at the Flight 93 National Memorial in Somerset County, Pennsylvania.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the Flight 93 National Memorial honors the men and women who gave their lives in the first counterattack of the Global War on Terror to defend the Nation's Capitol on September 11, 2001.

SALUTING JANA FRY OF WILLIAMS HIGH SCHOOL OF PLANO

**HON. SAM JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 6, 2009*

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I'd like to recognize Jana Fry for winning the Outstanding Teaching of the Humanities Award 2008–2009. She teaches at Williams High School in Plano, where she lives. Jana stands head and shoulders above her peers for her role as an outstanding humanities teacher making a difference in the lives of young Texans.

The Outstanding Teaching of the Humanities Awards recognize 11 exemplary K–12 humanities teachers. Humanities Texas, formerly the Texas Council for the Humanities, is the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Humanities Texas conducts and supports public programs in history, literature, philosophy, and other humanities disciplines. These programs strengthen Texas communities and ultimately help sustain representative democracy by cultivating informed, educated citizens.

During her 20 years of teaching, Jana has won many accolades and awards for her service both in and out of the classroom. She has taught sixth through tenth grades with classes ranging from sheltered/at-risk to gifted and talented and anything in between. She summarizes her teaching philosophy as such: Students should always be participants in their learning process, engaged in that process, reflecting and evaluating of that process and emotionally attached to their learning. Teachers are the facilitators of learning who orchestrate varied learning experiences that attempt to meet each student where they are and then challenge them further.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Jana for her selfless contributions to make Texas and America a better place by pouring into our young people. Please join me in congratulating Jana on a magnificent achievement and wishing her all the best with her future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 6, 2009*

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, due to illness, I was unable to be present in the Capitol for votes on Thursday, November 5, 2009. However, had I been present I would have voted “yea” on:

1. Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule for H.R. 2868—Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Act of 2009;

2. H. Res. 885—Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2868—Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Act of 2009;

3. H. Res. 868—Honoring and recognizing the service and achievements of current and former female members of the Armed Forces;

4. Senate Amendments to H.R. 3548—Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2009;

5. H. Con. Res. 139—Congratulating the first graduating class of the United States Air

Force Academy on their 50th graduation anniversary and recognizing their contributions to the Nation;

6. H.R. 1849—World War I Memorial and Centennial Act of 2009;

7. H.R. 3276—American Medical Isotopes Production Act of 2009;

8. H. Res. 878—Expressing support for the goals and ideals of National Family Literacy Day;

And I would have voted “aye” on H. Res. 880—Recognizing the efforts of career and technical colleges to educate and train workers for positions in high-demand industries.

HONORING THE MARIN WOMEN'S COMMISSION

**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 6, 2009*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize the Marin Women's Commission for their tireless efforts to help Marin County's women and girls achieve parity. Congratulations to the Marin Women's Commission as it celebrates this milestone of more than three decades of service to Marin County.

Through its leadership, the Marin Women's Commission has raised awareness of the importance and prominence of issues facing women and girls in Marin County and beyond. As a result of their devoted efforts, the needs of women of all ages are being studied, heard, communicated and addressed.

The Marin Women's Commission was created in April 1974 in response to an investigation under the Kennedy Administration that revealed that a staggering number of laws, regulations and traditions actively discriminated against women. Notably, the Marin Women's Commission is the second County Commission established in the State of California in 1974.

In 2003–2004, the Marin Women's Commission established a strategic vision to address four target categories as they relate to women: equity, policy, leadership and access to resources.

The commission works with local government to develop more effective ways to address salary inequity concerns, supports CEDAW and other international violence against women legislation, facilitates annual “Women Leading Community Change” summits and develops needs assessments for women and girls. The 1983 Women's Needs Assessment helped establish the Family and Children's Law Center.

The 17 Marin Women's Commissioners represent all five Marin County Districts, and the Commission also boasts strong, strategic partnerships. Such partnerships, with Dominican University, the Marin Chapter of National Organization for Women, the YWCA, the American Association of University Women, and Marin General Hospital's Breast Cancer Center, laid the foundation for an abused women's shelter, which later became Marin Abused Women's Services, the creation of the Marin Women's Hall of Fame, and other programs.

In the years since its inception, more than 300 commissioners have been appointed. The enthusiasm and passion exhibited by these

experienced leaders is largely responsible for the Commissions' ability to leverage meaningful change.

Madam Speaker, over the course of 35 years, the Marin Women's Commission, through its strategic partnerships, dedicated advocacy and comprehensive research, has made indelible change. Congratulations on three decades of leadership toward enhancing the quality of life for all Marin County women and girls.

INTRODUCTION OF THE “HONEST OPPORTUNITY PROBATION WITH ENFORCEMENT (HOPE) INITIATIVE ACT OF 2009”

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 6, 2009*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the “Honest Opportunity Probation with Enforcement (HOPE) Initiative Act of 2009” with my colleague Representative TED POE of Texas. This bipartisan legislation would build upon an innovative and promising approach to reduce drug use and crime.

Offenders convicted of many drug, low-level property, and public-order offenses are rarely given straight jail time; in most jurisdictions they are placed on probation. Rather than consistently sanctioning probation violations—illegal drug use, missing probation appointments, treatment and drug tests—too often these actions are ignored. When punishment for repeated violations is finally meted out, it tends to come in the form of lengthy and costly terms of incarceration.

In 2004, Judge Steven Alm of Hawaii launched a pilot program to reduce probation violations by offenders at high risk of recidivism. This intensified supervision program, called Hawaii's Opportunity Probation with Enforcement, HOPE, uses the threat of short jail stays as an incentive for compliance. Defendants are clearly warned that if they violate the rules, they go to jail. Participants receive swift and immediate sanctions for each violation, such as testing dirty for drugs or missing appointments with a probation officer.

For example, under the Hawaii program, random drug testing occurs at least once a week for the first 2 months of supervision. If probationers test positive, they are arrested immediately. If they fail to appear for the test or violate other terms of probation, warrants for their arrest are issued immediately. Once arrested or apprehended, a probation modification hearing is held 2 days later, and violators typically receive a short jail term. Sanctions typically start at a few days of jail time, served on weekends for employed probationers, for the first violation and increased thereafter, eventually escalating to periods of months. Offenders who cannot comply are required to attend high-quality, out-patient or residential treatment. Those who can comply are rewarded with less frequent testing and monitoring.

Preliminary evaluations show that HOPE probationers have significantly improved outcomes compared with probationers assigned to probation-as-usual in terms of drug use, missed probation appointments, new arrests, and probation revocations. The HOPE program has been cited by figures across the political spectrum and has been featured in