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**CONGRESSMAN BROWN HONORS
WORLD WAR II VETERANS FROM
SOUTH CAROLINA'S FIRST DISTRICT
WHO PARTICIPATED IN
THE LOWCOUNTRY HONOR
FLIGHT**

HON. HENRY E. BROWN, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2009

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 94 World War II Veterans from South Carolina's First District that participated in the Lowcountry Honor Flight on Saturday, November 7, 2009.

The Honor Flight Network brings America's senior veterans to Washington, DC to visit the memorials dedicated to their service and sacrifice. Today I had the honor to meet with World War II Veterans from my district and I felt privileged to shake the hands of some of our greatest heroes as they gathered around the World War II Memorial.

This month we are reminded of the selflessness and sacrifice of many of our uniformed men and women and I was grateful to have the opportunity to personally thank World War II Veterans from South Carolina's First District for their dedicated service to our country.

**HONORING THE LIFE OF STAFF
SERGEANT JUSTIN M. DECROW
OF PLYMOUTH, INDIANA**

HON. JOE DONNELLY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2009

Mr. DONNELLY of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor the life and service of Staff Sergeant Justin M. DeCrow, a native son of Plymouth, Indiana, and a proud member of the United States Army. The servicemen and women of the United States Armed Forces serve with a selfless willingness to make the ultimate sacrifice for the country they love and protect. A career soldier with 13 years of honorable and dedicated service, Justin's life was tragically cut short in a senseless act of violence when a gunman opened fire at a Soldier Readiness Processing facility at Fort Hood in Texas on the 5th of November.

Justin always wanted to be a soldier. He graduated from Plymouth High School in 1996, married his high school sweetheart that spring, and enlisted in the United States Army immediately thereafter. He pursued a career as a soldier in the Army out of an unflin-

love of country and a desire to make a better life for his family.

In the early part of his 13 year career as a soldier, he performed light vehicle maintenance. In 2000, Justin and his family moved to Evans, Georgia, after he was assigned to nearby Fort Gordon, where he underwent training as a communications satellite operator. He was stationed in that capacity in South Korea from September 2008 to August of this year. In September, he was stationed with the 16th Signal Company at Fort Hood, Texas. He had hoped to return eventually to Fort Gordon, when an opening became available, to be with his wife and daughter.

At Fort Hood, Justin was involved in training new soldiers. He will be remembered by his fellow soldiers in the United States Army as a mentor with an undeniable charm and quick wit, and by friends and family as a loving and devoted father and husband. He is survived by his wife of 14 years, Marikay, their 13-year old daughter, Kyla, and two proud parents: Daniel DeCrow and Rhonda Thompson. He will be missed by all.

It is my solemn duty, and humble privilege, to honor the life, service, and memory of Staff Sergeant Justin M. DeCrow, which stand as a testament to the great honor possessed, and sacrifices made, by our men and women in the armed forces and their families. We mourn his loss and offer solemn gratitude for his service.

**IN RECOGNITION OF THE MARTY
MAJORS FAMILY AS THE 2009
HOLMES COUNTY FARM FAMILY
OF THE YEAR**

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2009

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, it is a privilege for me to rise today to extend congratulations to the Marty Majors family for being selected the 2009 Holmes County, Florida Farm Family of the Year. The Majors family is an integral part of the Northwest Florida community, and I am proud to honor their achievements.

Marty and Tiffany Majors married in 1992. They have been farming full-time since 1996, but the land on which they farm has been owned by the Majors family for over 100 years. Their son, Blake Majors, is a 7th grader at Bethlehem High School and a member of the Future Farmers of America. Together, the family grows soybeans, peanuts, corn, oats, and wheat. By using strip till farming practices, the Majors are one of the area's best soil conservationists. The family also manages a significant acreage of timberland and does custom grain harvesting as part of their agricultural enterprise.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to offer my congratulations to the Majors family's tireless work and dedication to family, faith and trade. They are an outstanding example of the farm families that make up the backbone of our nation. My wife Vicki and I wish Marty, Tiffany, and Blake best wishes for continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2009

Mr. CONAWAY. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 865, Democrat Adjournment Resolution, had I been present, I would have voted "nay"; on rollcall No. 866, H. Res. 893—Congratulating the 2009 Major League Baseball World Series Champions, the New York Yankees, had I been present, I would have voted "yea"; on rollcall No. 867, H.R. 3788—To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3900 Darrow Road in Stow, Ohio, as the "Corporal Joseph A. Tomci Post Office Building," had I been present, I would have voted "yea"; on rollcall No. 868, S. 1211—To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 60 School Street, Orchard Park, New York, as the "Jack F. Kemp Post Office Building," had I been present, I would have voted "yea"; on rollcall No. 869, Thompson (D-MS) Amendment, had I been present, I would have voted "nay"; on rollcall No. 870, Barton (R-TX) Amendment, had I been present, I would have voted "nay"; on rollcall No. 871, Dent (R-PA) Amendment No. 4, had I been present, I would have voted "yea"; on rollcall No. 872, Dent (R-PA) Amendment No. 5, had I been present, I would have voted "yea"; on rollcall No. 873, McCaul (R-TX) Amendment, had I been present, I would have voted "yea"; on rollcall No. 874, Motion to Recommit, had I been present, I would have voted "yea"; and on rollcall No. 875, H.R. 2868—Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Act of 2009, had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DEAN HELLER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2009

Mr. HELLER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2996 the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: Congressman DEAN HELLER

Bill Number: H.R. 2996

Account: Environmental Protection Agency—STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Fernley, Nevada

Address of Requesting Entity: 595 Silver Lace Blvd., Fernley, NV 89408

Description of Request: \$300,000. This project will replace the current tank-based solids handling method with the construction of mechanical dewatering facilities. This facility's microfiltration design for arsenic removal includes solids handling storage tanks. Rehabilitation for mechanical dewatering of the residuals handling would allow the City of Fernley to provide its residents with higher quality and safer water for the long term. This project also falls in line with the mission of the EPA by

protecting and safeguarding Fernley residents' health and environment.

AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE FOR AMERICA ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, November 7, 2009

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, tonight as we prepare to pass a historic health care bill that provides expanded health care coverage to Americans and is more than sixty years in the making, I am concerned that we must first fight to block a direct assault on a woman's right to choose.

America's Affordable Health Choices Act is fair and equitable in its approach to abortion and respects the rights of those who want to purchase a plan that provides abortion coverage and those who do not. It guarantees that no public funds are used to pay for abortion services—codifying the long standing Hyde amendment.

The anti-choice Stupak Amendment seeks to take away a woman's right to pay for her own abortion services, forcing millions of women to retreat to the shadows and an era in which back alley abortions were too often the norm. That is why I will stand up this evening and vote against the Stupak Amendment—ensuring that every woman in this country has the reproductive freedom that she desires and that her mother and mother's mother fought so hard for.

AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE FOR AMERICA ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. JARED POLIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, November 7, 2009

Mr. POLIS. Madam Speaker, I would like to express my strong opposition to the Stupak/Pitts Amendment, which unfortunately passed the House by a vote of 240–194. This amendment places a woman's right to choose at risk, for it would place new obstacles in the way of women seeking reproductive health care services. The Stupak Amendment goes further than existing laws. This amendment dictates which medical procedures are offered in the private market.

Health care reform is supposed to increase coverage. This amendment singles out women and reduces their coverage. Women's access to comprehensive reproductive health services is not just about equality between men and women but also equality along economic lines. This amendment sets up a system where only wealthier women could afford a safe abortion. It would prohibit low-income women who receive affordability tax credits from purchasing a private insurance plan that covers abortion, despite the fact that over 80 percent of health insurance plans currently cover abortion. In other words, a woman who happens to be low-income will be denied the right to purchase a health care plan with abortion coverage simply because she qualifies for afford-

ability tax credits. This is discriminatory, plain and simple.

Besides purchasing insurance in the exchange, the primary alternative for low-income individuals is the public option. Not only does this amendment prohibit access to abortion coverage if a low-income woman receives affordability tax credits in the exchange, but this amendment also prohibits the public option from providing abortion care, despite the fact that it would be funded through private premium dollars.

Under the Stupak Amendment, low-income women who either receive affordability tax credits or purchase insurance through the public option have to purchase a separate, single-service "abortion rider" policy. Not only does this idea discriminate against low-income women but it makes no sense either. Women who end up in the tough position of having to seek an abortion never planned on being in that situation. The vast majority of women will not choose to purchase an "abortion rider" policy because they do not plan on ever having an abortion, and when the day arises when they may need abortion coverage, unfortunately it will not be there for them.

The women of America should have access to their fundamental right to choose, regardless of their income level. I urge my colleagues to join me today in defense of that fundamental right.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF MR. AND MRS. RICHARD K. RAISANEN

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2009

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I respectfully request the attention of the House to pay recognition to an important day in the lives of two constituents and friends of mine, Mr. and Mrs. Rick Raisanen.

On December 4, 2009, Rick and Molly Raisanen will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Rick was born on November 27, 1939, and his wife, Molly, was born on July 7, 1940.

The couple met at the skating rink at Fort McClellan. They married on December 4, 1959 at Centurion Chapel at Fort McClellan.

Over the years, Rick and Molly have been blessed with two children, Keith and Kelli; and four grandchildren, Molly Kristen, Olivia, Emma Grace and Braden. Rick retired from Bell South and Molly retired from Jacksonville State University.

On Saturday, December 5, the couple along with their family and friends will celebrate their anniversary at Saks Baptist Church.

I would like to congratulate my friends, Rick and Molly, for reaching this important milestone in their lives. They are shining examples of love and dedication for us all, and I wish them and their family all the best at this important occasion.

IN APPRECIATION OF BURLINGAME CITY COUNCILWOMAN ROSALIE O'MAHONY

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2009

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, for twenty years, the people of Burlingame, California have depended on Rosalie O'Mahony's intelligence, hard work and love for her adopted city. First elected in 1989, Rosalie O'Mahony has served five terms on the City Council, including five separate stints as Burlingame's mayor.

To know Rosalie is to know her passion for her community. For the more than three decades that I have had the immense pleasure of Rosalie's friendship, we have never had a conversation where she did not speak about a person or group in need or an intersection that could be safer. Rosalie lives and breathes community service and our entire region has benefited greatly by her inspired decision to move to Burlingame in 1965.

The reason for her move was so that Rosalie could accept a job on the faculty of the College of San Mateo's mathematics department. For more than forty years she has shared her knowledge with generations of students and continues to do so now as an adjunct instructor. In a region where some of the best jobs are in technological fields, excellent math instruction in our local colleges is vital to our area's economic success and Rosalie O'Mahony certainly has been a big part of that success.

Madam Speaker, one mention in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD could not possibly hold all of the accomplishments of this incredible woman. Her community service includes being chair of The American Cancer Society and board member of The Easter Seal Society and The Suicide and Crisis Prevention Center. She also served on the San Mateo County Grand Jury and has been—or continues to be—a member of The Burlingame Newcomers Club, The Irish Literary and Historical Society, the Burlingame Historical Society, Burlingame Beautification Commission, the San Mateo County Transportation Citizens' Advisory Committee and the Burlingame Aquatic Foundation.

As part of her official duties, Rosalie has represented her city on the Airport Roundtable, the County Emergency Services Committee, the San Mateo County Investment Oversight Committee, City and County Association of Governments, Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency and the San Mateo County Transportation Authority.

In recognition of her years of service to her community, earlier this year Councilwoman O'Mahony was chosen as Burlingame's Citizen of the Year for 2009.

Madam Speaker, any day that includes a chat with Rosalie O'Mahony is a day where I learn something new. Burlingame won't be quite the same without Rosalie on the City Council but, without a doubt, Burlingame would not be the city it is today had Rosalie not moved here and volunteered to serve.