

KBMT on its primary channel. It is important to note that this multicast channel, like numerous similar network affiliates that are broadcast on multicast channels across the country, is a full-fledged network station providing viewers with a full slate of a network's programming to the same geographic area as the station's other digital channel that broadcasts ABC programming. There is no rational public policy reason to treat the two network channels differently under copyright law.

Unfortunately, H.R. 3570, the Satellite Home Viewer Update and Reauthorization Act of 2009, enables DBS companies to impede and undermine multicast network affiliates. By re-defining a household capable of receiving a local network signal through the air as "unserved" if the signal is delivered via digital multicast technology, Sections 3(h)(1) and 3(h)(6) of H.R. 3570 together allow DBS companies to import distant network affiliates that duplicate the programming of the local, multicast network affiliate. This provision will not only undermine existing multicast stations, but it will also give local stations far less incentive to multicast an additional local network affiliate in the future if large numbers of potential viewers are already receiving an affiliate of that network through a DBS provider. Thus, these provisions may deprive viewers of locally-oriented programming by undermining existing multicast arrangements and removing the incentive for local stations to continue to offer or roll out new multicast network affiliated channels.

While H.R. 3570 only provides satellite companies this ability for 3 years following enactment, after the recent economic downturn, the next three years will be critical to the development of new, innovative, free, over-the-air digital network broadcast services, including networks that contain programming developed for ethnic minorities. Sections 3(h)(1) and 3(h)(6) of H.R. 3570 should be changed to ensure that DBS companies cannot import a distant network signal that duplicates a local network affiliated multicast station.

Additionally, as twelve members of the House Judiciary Committee stated in the additional views that were filed in the report language that accompanied H.R. 3570, "the preference in section three of the bill may result in discouraging free over-the-air local broadcasters from affiliating with more than one network and developing a market-based solution to the 'missing network affiliate' problem. This would limit the number of free network programming options available to consumers and, in effect, require consumers to subscribe to pay television to receive network they might otherwise have been able to view for free."

We appreciate your attention to this critically important issue. As you continue to work on the reauthorization of the Satellite Home Viewer Extension and Reauthorization Act during a House-Senate conference committee, we encourage you to support the approach to protecting multicast channels that was adopted by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Sincerely,

Frank Kratochvil; Roy Blunt; Tom Cole; Alan Mollohan; Rodney Alexander; Michael McMahon; Brett Guthrie; Bob Filner; Thomas Rooney; Nick J. Rahall; Christopher Lee; Gregory Meeks; Blaine Luetkemeyer; Raúl Grijalva; Shelley Capito; Sam Farr.

IN HONOR OF DECATUR TRADES & LABOR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PHIL HARE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

Mr. HARE. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the Decatur Trades and Labor Assembly on the occasion of its 50th anniversary. For over 5 decades, this Council of affiliated unions has improved the lives of working families in Decatur, Illinois and the regions that surround it.

From day one, Decatur Trades and Labor made a positive impact on local residents. Its Council fought hard to organize the unorganized, giving more workers the opportunity to bargain collectively and access the American Dream. For those already under union contract, the Council was a fierce advocate for better wages, benefits, and working conditions. Each victory it achieved helped all workers, union or nonunion, affiliated or non-affiliated. Decatur Trades and Labor recognized early on that a rising tide lifts all boats.

The great work of Decatur Trades and Labor went far beyond the union bargaining table. It worked with groups like the NAACP to achieve racial justice. It promoted blood drives for the American Red Cross and food drives for the hungry. It registered people to vote. And it encouraged members to give what they could to local charities.

Fifty years later, Decatur Trades and Labor remains a staple in the community. Everywhere you go, there are living testaments to the Council's great work. But it is a landmark downtown—the monument honoring fallen and injured workers—that sticks out most in my mind. Nearly every April, I travel to that monument for Workers Memorial Day. It is a towering reminder of our moral obligation to ensure workers return home safely to their families each and every night. We have Decatur Trades and Labor to thank for making it such a unique focal point of the city's downtown.

On this golden anniversary, I thank Decatur Trades and Labor for making the city it calls home a better place to live. I look forward to seeing what more it can accomplish in the next 50 years.

HONORING FREEMAN HRABOWSKI

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Freeman Hrabowski, President of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, who has recently been honored as one of Time magazine's 10 Best College Presidents.

President Hrabowski's deep commitment to fostering talented students, especially in science and math, has helped increase UMBC's number of African-American science and engineering majors sevenfold. Today, UMBC is one of America's biggest producers of African-American science and engineering Ph.D.s. As a fellow college president put it, President Hrabowski "has taught all of higher education that minority and low-income students . . . can meet the highest standards and excel."

Those high standards are, importantly, a matter of national competitiveness—but they are also a measure of this nation's promise of equality. As a child in Alabama, Freeman Hrabowski remembers Martin Luther King, Jr. telling civil rights marchers: "What you do this day will have an impact on generations as yet unborn." Today, at places like UMBC, that promise is coming true in the lives of the young men and women who are making the most of what those marchers won for them.

I join the members of the Maryland House delegation in thanking President Hrabowski for his commitment to his students and his extraordinary contribution to higher education. We congratulate him for this much-deserved recognition of his achievements.

RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE NATIONAL GUARD ON ITS 373RD ANNIVERSARY

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 7, 2009

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 940 recognizing and honoring the National Guard on the occasion of its 373rd anniversary.

The security and freedom we enjoy in the United States of America is due in great part to the sacrifices made by the oldest component of the Armed Forces, the National Guard. From the Revolutionary War to the latest military operations in the Middle East, the Citizen-Soldiers of the National Guard have competently responded to the call of duty. In addition to serving overseas, these men and women make up the forces in the state divisions, such as the Texas National Guard, and have been key in serving the local community during natural disasters and civil emergencies.

As we reflect on the 68th anniversary of Pearl Harbor this week, it reminds us of the ultimate sacrifice members of the National Guard have bravely made, and will continue to make, for our country. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H. Res. 940 to recognize and honor the National Guard on the occasion of its 373rd anniversary.

HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN ARBORETUM

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

Ms. BALDWIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 75th anniversary of the University of Wisconsin Arboretum, and to recognize the efforts of the community organization Friends of the Arboretum. Since June 17, 1934, Madison area citizens have worked with University of Wisconsin officials to develop and maintain an invaluable collection of restored ecosystems. Though thousands of committed people have contributed to the Arboretum in countless ways, one group in particular offers an ideal example of dedication to

the Arboretum's mission. The nonprofit organization Friends of the Arboretum has helped preserve this valuable ecological resource both by fundraising for the Arboretum and through volunteer work. Those efforts, and the work of many others, have made possible invaluable scientific research and unique community opportunities.

Of course, Madison's Arboretum may not have been possible without the initial commitment of 200 hardworking individuals from the Civilian Conservation Corps. During the Great Depression, the efforts of these young government workers produced a natural sanctuary free from encroaching development and biological contamination. Just a few years after its dedication, the Madison Arboretum became the site of several important ecological experiments on conservation and restoration. One historic study conducted on the Arboretum's Curtis Prairie helped establish the use of fire as an effective prairie restoration technique, a method now widely recognized. Those 60 acres of Curtis Prairie today comprise the oldest restored prairie land in the United States.

As University of Wisconsin scientists continue to develop and enhance methods of ecological restoration, the Arboretum remains an important resource in the research process. The Arboretum now contains several preserved forests, prairies, and other lands, spread over hundreds of acres, which make possible influential ecological studies. Since the Civilian Conservation Corps first began reintroducing native flora to the various ecosystems of the Arboretum, it has grown to house over 300 different species of plants. Though urbanization and the invasion of new plant types have provided new, modern challenges for this space, the commitment of university workers and community volunteers, such as those from Friends of the Arboretum, have kept the Arboretum strong. In addition to scientific research, Arboretum workers and volunteers facilitate a variety of community events, and offer unique educational opportunities in the field of ecology.

Today, Madison's University of Wisconsin Arboretum contains the single most comprehensive assortment of restored ecosystems and a highly dedicated group of supporters. I therefore honor the 75th anniversary of the University of Wisconsin Arboretum, and commend both Friends of the Arboretum and all other Arboretum volunteers. The sustained commitment of numerous community members has maintained and enhanced a truly priceless natural resource.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHEROKEE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL WINNING THE ALABAMA 4A STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I would like to request the House's attention today to pay recognition to the Cherokee County High School football team in Centre, Alabama, which recently won the 2009 Alabama 4A State Football Championship.

On December 3, the Cherokee County Warriors defeated Jackson High School by a score

of 31–24 at Bryant-Denny Stadium in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The Warriors finished the season with a record of 15–0, making them the only undefeated team in the state.

The Warriors are coached by Tripp Curry, and the school's principal is Doug Davis. I'd like to congratulate the football team, coaches and high school students and staff on this outstanding achievement. All of us across Cherokee County and East Alabama are deeply proud of these talented young Alabamians.

HONORING COLONEL JONATHAN FLAUGHER

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today, along with my colleague JIM COSTA, to commend and congratulate COL Jonathan Flaughner upon being recognized as a "Citizen Soldier" by Fresno City College. Colonel Flaughner was recognized on Friday, November 6, 2009 at the annual Veterans Peace Memorial event held at Fresno City College in Fresno, California.

COL Jonathan Flaughner assumed command of the 144th Fighter Wing, California Air National Guard in Fresno, California in October 2004. He is a "Command Pilot" with over 4,000 hours of Air Force jet and fighter time, and is currently an F–16 Instructor Pilot. He graduated from North Carolina State University in 1977, with a bachelor of arts degree in History, and entered the United States Air Force through the ROTC program.

Colonel Flaughner was on active duty until 1995, and he has been with the 144th in Fresno ever since. Prior to his assignment as the 144th Wing Commander, Colonel Flaughner served as the Active Duty Advisor, 194th Squadron Flight Commander and Operations Officer, 144th Logistics Group Commander, 144th Maintenance Group Commander and 144th Operations Group Commander. He graduated from the United States Air Force Air War College in-residence program at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama in 1998. Previous assignments include a staff tour with HQ USAF and flying assignments in the F–16 at Spangdahlem Air Base in Germany, the F–106 at Griffiss Air Force Base in New York. After pilot training at Williams Air Force Base in Arizona he was assigned to the T–33 at Tyndall Air Force Base in Florida. His first Air Force assignment was with the 726th Tactical Control Squadron base at Homestead Air Force Base in Florida.

Madam Speaker, Mr. COSTA and I rise today to commend and congratulate COL Jonathan Flaughner upon being recognized as a "Citizen Soldier." I invite my colleagues to join us in wishing Colonel Flaughner many years of continued success.

IN APPRECIATION OF MILLBRAE MAYOR ROBERT GOTTSCHALK

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, every community should be so fortunate as to have a dy-

amic and committed public servant like Millbrae Mayor Robert Gottschalk.

Mayor Gottschalk is stepping down after eight years on the City Council, including two stints as Mayor. Bob's tenure on the council has been defined by his steady advocacy for the people of Millbrae, giving special emphasis to youth and senior programs, improving downtown and mitigating the impact of BART on Millbrae residents.

Mayor Gottschalk graduated from San Jose State University and went on to receive an M.B.A. in Finance from the University of California at Berkeley and a J.D. from UC Hastings College of the Law. He served our nation with distinction, retiring as a Captain from the U.S. Navy Reserves and worked for 21 years in banking before becoming an attorney.

Mayor Gottschalk represents Millbrae on the Association of Bay Area Governments, Peninsula Congestion Relief Alliance and the Joint Powers Authority for County Emergency Medical Response. He has also served as a member of the Millbrae Community Preservation Commission and was citizen advisor to the San Mateo County Transportation Authority.

Madam Speaker, I have worked closely with Mayor Gottschalk and my impression of him can be summed up as "leadership with a velvet glove." Bob has always led with gentility and a sense of decorum and the simple fact is that Millbrae, California is a better place to live because of his work. I know of no better barometer for public service than that.

HONORING JERRY "ICEMAN" BUTLER ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 70TH BIRTHDAY

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to and honor a legendary singer and songwriter, Jerry "Iceman" Butler, on the occasion of his 70th birthday today. An award-winning performer, producer and composer, and one of the architects of Rhythm and Blues, Mr. Butler, has enjoyed a 51-year career that began at the young age of 18, when he and Curtis Mayfield formed a rhythm and blues group, The Impressions, in Chicago in 1958.

The same year, Butler wrote a song titled For Your Precious Love, which became "the first of the Soul Music recordings" and a "landmark recording," according to Rolling Stone Magazine. The single, on Vee-Jay Records, became the first for The Impressions to "go Gold."

Mr. Butler, named "The Iceman" in 1959 by Philadelphia radio personality Georgie Woods for Butler's "cool as ice" delivery and debonair, effortless style has had numerous million selling recordings ("Gold") during his career: For Your Precious Love (with The Impressions, Vee-Jay, 1958); He Will Break Your Heart (Vee-Jay, 1960); Moon River (Vee-Jay, 1961); Never Gonna Give You Up (Mercury, 1976); Hey Western Union Man (Vee-Jay, 1968); Brand New Me (Mercury, 1969); Only The Strong Survive (Mercury, 1969); and Ain't Understanding Mellow (Mercury, 1973).

Nominated for three Grammys for singing and composing, Butler is the recipient of numerous awards, including several from