

Home, active in Belle Maison, Club 25 and on the advisory board of Historical Commission Advisory Council. During her husband's Congressional years, she was active in the Congressional Wives Club, Texas Breakfast Club, and Texas State Society. She loved her life in Washington where she would give tours of the White House on a regular basis. In 1977, she and her husband were named the first recipients of the J. Wesley Smith Award given annually by East Texas Baptist University for outstanding achievements.

Mary was a devoted Christian and served as a member of Eastern Hills Church of Christ in Marshall. She is survived by three daughters and sons-in-law, Becky and W.F. Palmer, Amanda and Tom Wynn, and Sandra and Don Bodenhamer; five grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. She was a very loving, wonderful mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother; she was someone you wanted to emulate. Mary was a wonderful wife to her husband and wherever he was, she loved being there.

Madam Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to honor the life, accomplishments, and memory of Mrs. Mary Madeleine Segal Hall. Her contributions will be greatly missed but her kindness and service will not be forgotten.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 3288,
CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT. 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 10, 2009

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to day to let the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD reflect a clerical error in the Consolidated Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

In July of this year, shortly after the Committee on Appropriations made available the appropriations requests included in its Transportation and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, it came to my attention my name was incorrectly placed as a joint sponsor of a project request which provides \$10,312 for the Southeast Corridor Light Rail in Denver, Colorado. While I am supportive of this project and the broader FastTracks mass transit plan of Colorado's Regional Transportation District, RTD, I did not request funding for this project. Upon discovery, my staff informed the Committee on Appropriations of this error and asked that it be corrected.

On December 10, the House passed the Consolidated Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2011. In that conference report, my name was again mistakenly attached to this project by committee staff during the filing process. Because both chambers have passed this conference report, there is no method short of a Presidential veto for me to correct this error. Therefore, I would like to let the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD reflect this mistake and my lack of involvement in this project.

To be clear, no official from RTD or any other organization asked me or my staff to request funding for this project. Nor did I submit any material to the Appropriations Committee requesting funding for this project. As such, I did not post information on the process on my

official website. However, for the sake of transparency and public accountability, I have certified in writing that I have no financial interest in this project.

INTRODUCTION OF THE UNITED STATES WAR BONDS ACT OF 2009

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce before the House of Representatives, the War Bonds Act of 2009. War bonds are a cost-effective way to reduce our dependence on foreign creditors and create an outlet for Americans to express their patriotism and support for our servicemembers as well as the security mission for which they are deployed.

To be sure, thousands of Americans have made tremendous sacrifices over the course of this war. Members of the military, their families, and their friends have gone above and beyond the call of duty, and we must never take their service for granted. Many of us have begun shopping for our friends and families this holiday season, while a relatively small group of families are preparing to send their loved ones off to battle.

We have an opportunity to bridge that disconnection. We have an opportunity to open our wallets and provide gifts, big or small, to our troops. These funds will go toward more than war machinery, but to clothing, feeding, securing, and providing medical services for our service men and women abroad. It will allow them the means to make quick work of their mission and to return home safely to their families. The War Bonds Act of 2009 will allow Americans to show their support for the troops even if they are wary about the war itself.

We also need to responsibly finance the increase in troop levels rather than continuing deficit spending for the mission. Each soldier, sailor, airman, and marine that we send abroad costs \$1 million per deployment. A 34,000 person troop increase could raise our Afghanistan tab by some \$40 billion per year, affecting our ability to invest domestically and to rebuild our military from the wear of the Iraq war. In past wars, Congress has raised taxes to fund most of our fighting, but since 9/11 the war bills have been piling up. Our engagements in the Middle East have been financed primarily by debt, money borrowed from foreign countries. In fact, nearly \$3.5 trillion—46 percent of U.S. debt—is held by foreign investors.

War bonds allow us to borrow from ourselves, rather than other countries. United States savings bonds are considered some of the safest investments in the world. They are available in predetermined denominations and mature over a period of time while accruing interest. After a number of years, the owner of the bond can collect the face value cost of the bond plus interest. All U.S. savings bonds are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States Government.

The legislation I am introducing today will allow American citizens to do our part without being required to do so through taxation. The legislation will authorize the Treasury to issue and market war bonds to the American people

to help finance the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

I believe that we need shared sacrifice and fiscal discipline in financing the war effort. Where we have sacrificed our future with billions of dollars of deficit spending on the war, we can begin bringing down that deficit with much smaller individual sacrifices now.

The U.S. War Bonds Act of 2009 finds a precedent in World War II savings bonds. From May 1, 1941, through December 1945, the War Finance Division and its predecessors were responsible for the sale of nearly \$186 billion worth of government securities. Of this, more than \$54 billion was in the form of war savings bonds.

I believe that the same patriotism is alive and well today, and that as a Nation and a people we have not lost the will to make collective sacrifices for the greater good. The men and women in the U.S. military are fighting year-round in faraway places, with their sacrifices and those of their families beyond comprehension. I believe that in that same spirit, Americans will be able to use war bonds to offer a token of respect, admiration, and support for those in uniform who show the same for us every day of their lives.

A BILL TO DIRECT THE PRESIDENT TO TRANSMIT TO CONGRESS A REPORT ON ANTI-AMERICAN INCITEMENT TO VIOLENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, H.R. 2278 condemns the use by groups designated as Foreign Terrorist Organizations in the Middle East of television programs to incite anti-American violence.

I do not condone the use of television programming to promote anti-American sentiment in the Middle East; I strongly object to it. Similarly, I strongly condemn ongoing policies that seek to punish civilian populations in an effort to undermine political leadership in their respective countries. However, if we want to stop anti-American incitement in the Middle East, we must end our military occupation of Iraq and Afghanistan, we must put an end to the drone attacks in Pakistan and we must end the blockade of Gaza.

Our continued occupation fuels the insurgency in Iraq and the Taliban in Afghanistan. Just this week, over 100 people have been killed and almost 200 wounded in a series of bombings in Baghdad, resulting in one of the deadliest attacks in Iraq this year. President Obama accepted his Nobel Peace Prize as over 16,000 American troops were readying for deployment as part of our military escalation in Afghanistan.

More unmanned drone attacks in Pakistan have been authorized by President Obama during his first three months in office than President Bush ordered during his entire presidency. Predator drones have killed hundreds of innocent civilians and have spurred significant anti-American sentiment. The recent revelations that the C.I.A. is running the predator drone program show that we are deploying an extraordinary use of lethal force in a country we are not at war with.

On the eve of the one-year anniversary of Operation Cast Lead, the people of Gaza continue to suffer immeasurably under the U.S. imposed blockade, living in tents next to the remains of their homes. Not one house has been rebuilt and not one pane of glass has been allowed in. Ninety-five percent of the drinking water is unfit for human consumption as the man-made humanitarian crisis continues. The United States and our closest ally, Israel, have a responsibility to uphold international humanitarian and international human rights law, both of which are violated by this blockade.

A resolution condemning television programming by designated Foreign Terrorist Organizations does not make our condemnation of terrorist acts more clear. Furthermore, this resolution does nothing to bring the United States and our friends in the Middle East closer to peace and stability. Anti-American sentiment in the Middle East can only be solved through diplomatic means and through the consistent application of peaceful solutions that ensure the security and basic human rights of all people.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JAMES
ROBERT PAXTON

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. HALL of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of James Robert Paxton, a veteran, civic servant, and personal friend who passed away August 2, 2009 at the age of 86.

"Jim Bob," as he was known to his friends and family, was born September 15, 1923. The youngest child of Eugene Stratton Paxton and Ella Clark Paxton, "Jim Bob" grew up in Elkhart, Texas before attending Baylor University. Deciding to put his education on hold, "Jim Bob" enlisted in the United States Navy as an officer where he taught airplane recognition in World War II. His service in the U.S. Navy took him many places, including his arrival on the Japanese island of Nagasaki to help liberate American and Allied prisoners the day after the atom bomb was dropped.

After World War II, "Jim Bob" returned to Baylor University to complete his undergraduate degree before attending law school at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. Mr. Paxton then served two terms in the Texas Legislature, where he met and fell in love with his wife, Doris, whom he married in 1954. The couple moved to Palestine where they lived and raised their family, and where Mr. Paxton practiced law for more than fifty years. Among his many outstanding achievements, "Jim Bob" was appointed by Governor Dolph Brisco to serve on the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission.

As evident through his military and civic service, Mr. Paxton was not only a leader in his home as a loving husband and father, but a leader in his community and country. He was known as a man of faith, who lived his life in devotion to God, and he will be missed by those who knew him.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Doris Lee Hall Paxton, their five daughters, and nu-

merous grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends. Madam Speaker, I ask those here today to join me in remembrance of this great American, James Robert Paxton.

HONORING U.S. MARINE CORPS
VETERAN JOHN D. DAY

HON. ERIC J.J. MASSA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. MASSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to laud the lifelong achievements, patriotism and honorable militia service to our country by U.S. Marine Corps veteran John D. Day of Hornell, New York. It is a distinct honor to submit his name before the United States House of Representatives for his numerous contributions to the 29th Congressional District and a grateful Nation.

A graduate of Hornell High School, John went on to study Criminal Justice at Finger Lakes Community College and Corning Community College where he balanced his academic studies with his participation on the collegiate baseball teams. After completing his studies, John heeded the call of duty and enlisted with the U.S. Marine Corps where he served until his honorable discharge in 2000, after 4 years of service.

John then embarked on a career path of public service as a member of various, local police departments where he achieved the rank of Sergeant while simultaneously working towards the completion of his associates degree.

As a training officer, John was credited with designing and implementing numerous programs to better train officers and to improve job performance. Tragically, while en route to work at the Bath VA Police Department on October 27, 2008, John was killed when his vehicle was hit by a drunk driver.

Since the accident, John was posthumously promoted to Lieutenant and was honored in April as the United States Department of Veteran Affairs Police Officer of the Year at the Annual Law Enforcement Banquet. John was also cited by the VA National Central Office for his perfect record maintaining and completing all training records. In addition, the last two classes at the Federal Police Officer Academy at Little Rock, Arkansas, dedicated their graduation and hard work to the way John performed his duties at work and the professionalism he demonstrated.

On behalf of the United States House of Representatives, it is my honor to recognize Officer John D. Day's contributions to his country and community.

GRATITUDE FOR THE SERVICE OF
KAREN WILKINSON

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, the Judiciary Committee's Crime, Terrorism, and Home-

land Security Subcommittee Chairman ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Karen Wilkinson for her work with the Committee for the past 2 years.

Karen came to us as a detailee from the Administrative Office of the United States Courts. At the end of December, Karen will return to Phoenix, Arizona to continue her work as an Assistant Federal Public Defender representing indigent clients in federal criminal cases, where she worked for eight years before coming to the Committee. Prior to that, she clerked for the U.S. District Court for Arizona and then joined the law firm of Brown & Bain. Karen graduated magna cum laude from Arizona State University Law School, received a Masters in Business Administration from NOVA University and her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Michigan.

Karen's accomplishments during her tenure with the Committee include a number of bills that are very important to improving our country's criminal justice system. During the 111th Congress, she was responsible for guiding several legislative measures to approval on the floor of the House of Representatives, including: H.R. 448, the Elder Abuse Victims Act of 2009; H.R. 632, the National Silver Alert Act of 2009; H.R. 748, CAMPUS Safety Act of 2009; H.R. 908, the Missing Alzheimer's Disease Patient Alert Program Reauthorization Act of 2009; H.R. 1333, which amends chapter 40 of title 18 of the United States Code to exempt the transportation, shipment, receipt, or importation of explosive materials for delivery to a federally recognized Indian tribes; H.R. 1727, the Managing Arson Through Criminal History, MATCH, Act; H.R. 1933, a Child is Missing Alert and Recovery Center Act; S. 1289, the Foreign Evidence Request Efficiency Act of 2009, and H.R. 2661, the Court Security Enhancement Act of 2009.

In addition, she is shepherding several very important bills pending before the Judiciary Committee, such as: H.R. 503, the Prevention of Equine Cruelty Act of 2009; H.R. 3327, the Ramos-Compean Justice Act of 2009; H.R. 2289, the Juvenile Justice Accountability and Improvement Act of 2009; H.R. 2095, the Restitution for the Exonerated Act; H.R. 1149, the Child Protection Reauthorization Act of 2009 and H.R. 1422, the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Reauthorization Act of 2009. Karen is also developing the Literacy Education and Rehabilitation Act, LERA, and the Department of Justice Reauthorization Act, legislation that would require a criminal defense representative to be appointed to the United States Sentencing Commission, as well as bills that would correct the firearm recidivist sentencing guidelines and the computation of good time credit in federal prison system.

We would like to thank the Administrative Office of Courts and the Federal Public Defender's Office of Phoenix for their generosity in allowing such a dedicated, responsible, and committed person to become such an integral part of our team. We are deeply grateful to Karen for her service, professionalism, and friendship during the past 2 years. She possesses that rare balance of humility, warmth, wit, and passion without a trace of ego, and she will be sorely missed. We wish her the best of luck and give her our thanks.