

young constituents. Since then, over 650,000 high school students have been involved with the nationwide competition.

Craig Biegel, a resident of the 4th Congressional District, is currently a senior at Lynbrook High School in Lynbrook, New York. Mr. Biegel offered his piece, "Angioplasty", which was an acrylic on canvas painting depicting a close-up view of the inside of the heart with a catheter in the aorta, leading to a stent insertion in the right coronary artery. Craig's attention to detail in this piece is certainly a testament to his achievement.

The contest in the 4th Congressional District continues to flourish and I owe it to all of the talented students like Craig Biegel from our high schools that submitted their art to be displayed in this distinguished contest. It is essential for art programs and curricula to remain in our schools and communities. I believe that having a forum for our young people to express themselves in a creative way is extraordinarily important and I will continue to work in Congress to ensure that the arts are preserved.

The future of this country depends on the hopes and dreams of its children. Our community, and our nation, is enhanced by the contributions of students like Craig Biegel. Additionally, I would like to recognize the work of the teachers and administrators at Lynbrook High School who dedicate their lives to their students. The staff is the backbone of the students' success and I thank them for all that they do on a daily basis.

Madam Speaker, it is with pride and admiration that I offer my thanks and recognition to Craig Biegel.

INVESTING INCOME AT HOME ACT OF 2010

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the "Investing Income at Home Act of 2010." This legislation would increase investment in the U.S. economy by allowing "closely held" companies that earn money abroad to create American jobs by investing overseas profits here at home. This would be accomplished by updating an outdated relic of the Tax Code, the personal holding company, or "PHC," tax structure.

Under current law, a personal holding company's undistributed income is taxed at 15 percent. This rate is scheduled to return to the highest individual tax rate of 39.6 percent in 2011 when the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts expire. Unfortunately the personal holding company tax has not evolved to keep up with modern business realities. Family-run companies can be subject to this tax—which they would not pay if they were publicly owned.

The Investing Income at Home Act will modify the definition of "PHC income" to exclude dividends received from foreign affiliates if those dividends are reinvested in the United States. Importantly, these dividends brought back into the United States could not be used by any company to pay executive salaries or benefits.

This bill will ensure closely held corporations impacted by the PHC tax regime would pay

the same level of corporate tax as similarly situated publicly traded corporations. This would free them to invest dividends from foreign sources into the U.S. economy helping to create much-needed jobs here in America.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation.

RECOGNIZING FOUNTAIN HILLS HIGH SCHOOL'S UNOFFICIAL GUINNESS WORLD RECORD IN POTATO LAUNCHING

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding group of chemistry students from Fountain Hills High School, who unofficially broke the Guinness World Record for most potatoes launched in three minutes.

The students in AP chemistry and honors-chemistry classes used savvy, creativity and teamwork to break an existing Guinness World Record. Although Guinness has yet to officially acknowledge the record, I am confident that the evidence is sufficient and that approval will be received shortly. One student, Fountain Hills junior Kyle Link, nearly doubled the previous record of potatoes launched in three minutes.

In all, seven different teams broke the record, demonstrating tactfulness in assembling their launchers. The students used applied lessons in engineering, technology, and chemical gas laws while constructing these devices.

I would also like to recognize Dr. Paul McElligott, head of the science department at Fountain Hills High School, for his leadership and instruction in the record-breaking feat. Along with breaking world records, Dr. McElligott is in contention to receive a prestigious Lemelson-MIT Grant worth \$10,000 to fund his proposal regarding safety devices for handicapped patients. His dedication will inspire these students to aim to achieve greatness in their current and future endeavors. We need more fine educators like this man in our country.

I am honored to call Dr. McElligott and his students at Fountain Hills High my constituents. Madame Speaker, please join me in congratulating them on their World Record.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$13,052,204,878,286.76.

On January 6th, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$ 2,413,779,131,992.90 so far this Congress.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

HONORING CECIL GROVES FOR HIS SERVICE TO SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Cecil Groves for his 40 years of service in higher education and to congratulate him on his retirement after 13 years as president of Southwestern Community College in Sylva, North Carolina. Under his leadership, Southwestern experienced significant expansion, serving as a catalyst for further growth throughout the region.

Dr. Groves received his Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration from the University of Texas. His first job was as the president of Delgado College in New Orleans, Louisiana. Dr. Groves was able to lead Delgado College to national accreditation in the midst of the turmoil of desegregation. Seven years later, he became President of Austin Community College in Austin, Texas. In a city dominated by a major research university, Dr. Groves created a model of the community college as a stepping stone to enrollment at a four-year university. He grew Austin Community College into a 16,000 student campus, creating jobs and allowing students a pathway to achieve their dreams.

After working at Pikes Peak Community College in Colorado Springs, Colorado and serving as Provost of Texas State Technical Colleges System, Dr. Groves moved to the mountains of Western North Carolina to become the president of Southwestern Community College. He would transform this small school with a strong sense of community into one of the best community colleges in the nation.

During his tenure, Southwestern Community College opened a new campus in Macon County, North Carolina and graduated the largest class in its history. Dr. Groves instituted a new technology platform for delivering education to students, offering Internet learning without sacrificing a sense of community. He encouraged teachers who found their most effective teaching method to continue to succeed, and he pushed those who struggled to continue to work toward becoming better teachers. Most importantly, he was widely loved by the faculty, staff, and students.

Even those in Western North Carolina who are not directly a part of the Southwestern Community College family benefited from Dr. Groves' tenure. One of his biggest contributions to the region was the creation of the Balsam West FiberNET. After an attempt to convert the school's Interactive Television system to digital proved too costly, Dr. Groves began investigating a regional broadband system. Southwestern Community College helped bring together Drake Enterprises and the Eastern Band of the Cherokee to form Balsam West FiberNET. This private, for-profit partnership constructed a 300-mile broadband ring, benefiting both Southwestern Community College and the entire mountain community.

Outside of his duties as president, Dr. Groves has taken an active interest in community development—on a regional, state, and national level. He served as an appointed advisor to governors in two states and testified in

front of Congress. As a founding member of the National Coalition for Advanced Manufacturing, a part of the National Association of Manufacturers, and the National Coalition for Advanced Technology Centers, Dr. Groves has helped modernize U.S. manufacturing and education technology. He has also been active in successfully recruiting several companies to conduct business in the regions where he worked.

Dr. Groves is now retiring and moving closer to two of his children. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to rise with me to thank Dr. Groves for his many years of invaluable service to both Southwestern Community College and the broader mountain community of Western North Carolina.

COMMENDING GARY DAIGNEAULT
OF TWENTYNINE PALMS, CA ON
HIS SELECTION TO THE BROADCASTER HALL OF FAME

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. LEWIS of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join the community of Twentynine Palms and the Morongo Basin of California in congratulating long-time broadcaster Gary Daigneault in being named to the Associated Press Television-Radio Association Hall of Fame.

Gary Daigneault has been on the air for 31 years as a newscaster in the eastern desert area of California known as the Morongo Basin. When he went to work for stations KDHY/KQYN in 1979, the area was made up of small towns with a few thousand people scattered over vast desert vistas. I came to know both the desert communities—and Gary—as the member of Congress for the area. He was a bright and earnest young reporter serving a small but devoted radio audience.

Over the years, the small towns of Yucca Valley, Joshua Tree, Morongo Valley and Twentynine Palms have grown dramatically, with tens of thousands of people now tuning in to listen to Mr. Daigneault, who has been the community's voice for news with a morning news program for the entire 31 years.

Mr. Daigneault invested in the community and became an owner-broadcaster in 1989 when he and his wife Cindy started up their own station, KCDZ, making local news a priority.

Although the area is still considered a "small market" for news, it is one with a worldwide focus because it is home to the Marine Corps Air-Ground Combat Center, a premier training center that has hosted tens of thousands of Marines each year. Many of those Marines now living around the country would recognize the voice of Mr. Daigneault, who has done an exemplary job of covering the base and its units.

In perhaps his most dramatic accomplishment in covering the Marines, Mr. Daigneault in 1992 was the only "embedded" journalist covering the peace-keeping action in Somalia, which won him one of his many broadcasting awards.

He came home from that mission and was quickly put to the test again when a 7.3 earth-

quake struck the desert town of Landers, causing widespread damage and disruption to the area. He stayed on the air and was the only source of news for many of the desert residents cut off by the quake—an effort that won him yet another award for broadcasting excellence.

Gary has been recognized by the Associated Press for breaking more than 40 national and major regional news stories over the years. In 2000, KCDZ was declared "station of the year." He was given the prestigious Mark Twain Award for news writing in small market radio and the Golden Mike award for best small market radio news broadcast.

Gary Daigneault is considered a community leader in Twentynine Palms. He is the president of the Theatre 29 community theater group, president of the Twentynine Palms Chamber of Commerce and the immediate past president of the local Rotary Club. He has also served twice as president of APTRA, and has taught broadcasting classes for the past 21 years.

Madam Speaker, Gary Daigneault has been the voice of news for an important part of my district for the past three decades, and he and his wife Cindy have been community leaders in the eastern desert area of California. His election to the radio-television news Hall of Fame is much deserved, and I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating him and thanking him for his lifetime of service.

NANJING CITY, A MODEL FOR
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION,
EXPANDING EDUCATIONAL,
INNOVATIVE AND ENTREPRE-
NEURIAL PARTNERSHIPS BE-
TWEEN THE UNITED STATES
AND CHINA IN A SPIRIT OF
GLOBAL COOPERATION

HON. JOHN F. TIERNEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. TIERNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak about a model for international cooperation that is said to hold promise and future opportunities for the United States. The City of Nanjing is working to improve the quality of life of its residents with a global initiative that has potential to create a great opportunity for some in the United States.

For over a decade, the City of Nanjing, China, under the leadership of Secretary Zhu Shanlu, has reached beyond the borders of the People's Republic of China to create new strategies in education, innovation and entrepreneurship, increasing the level of understanding between our two nations and stimulating U.S.-China idea exchange. It is expected that this international cooperative initiative will inure to the benefit of the residents of Nanjing as well to the residents of the United States, including businesses, residents and educational institutions in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

To this end, Mr. Zhu in his role as Secretary for Education and Technology in Beijing traveled to many United States cities to discuss the growth of education collaboration. These meetings resulted in numerous programs that served global higher education, leading to a first-of-its-kind scholarship program offered

through the New England Board of Higher Education providing annual scholarships for deserving students in the region. This work also forged new opportunities for United States colleges and universities with a strong focus on New England, specifically on Massachusetts, as representatives of several New England institutions were hosted by then Secretary Zhu at the Beijing Education Expo, a showcase of the promise of global education. Educational leaders exchanged ideas, and as a result, opportunities for educational exchanges were expanded creating new frontiers for American students to pursue studies in China and similar opportunities for Chinese students to benefit from programs offered in American colleges and universities from coast-to-coast.

Now under Mr. Zhu's leadership, the city of Nanjing has embarked on a new initiative in an effort to strengthen the bridge of partnership between the United States and China. Nanjing has created a number of avenues inviting United States companies and universities to expand opportunities into the Chinese market. In 2010, the City of Nanjing is scheduled to host conferences on Global Innovation in China, Global Entrepreneurship in China and Global University—R&D City. The conferences are expected to create special opportunities to develop concepts for development opportunities for green energy, life science and related industries. Small and mid size American companies may wish to explore offering technologies to improve the life of Chinese citizens and expand their business horizons.

One of the innovative American enterprises prepared to explore such potential opportunities calls Gloucester, Massachusetts and the 6th Massachusetts congressional district its home. Free Flow Power is looking to expand opportunities to develop and manage hydro-power and hydrokinetic facilities to generate clean renewable energy from flowing water. They will join other companies from across the country in Nanjing.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of the City of Nanjing and its leaders as well as those of the American participants in the program for having a vision that looks to the future by supporting a stronger educational exchange and the potential for green energy and technology partnerships in a spirit of global cooperation between the United States and China.

GRAND OPENING OF THE MADISON
STREET VETERANS TRANSI-
TIONAL HOUSING CENTER

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the recent grand opening of the Madison Street Veterans Transitional Housing Center, a shelter and service center for homeless veterans run by veterans.

The Madison Street Veterans Association is a group of formerly homeless veterans who banded together, first for their own safety, and over time became a grassroots non-profit model for veterans' homeless outreach nationwide. Their centers provide veterans with the