

FHA has helped 37 million Americans buy homes since 1934, and is filling a vital role in the nation's economy by providing crucial mortgage insurance at a time when the private sector has pulled back from the mortgage market. Because of the "FHA Reform Act of 2010," FHA will be able to put itself on strong financial footing so that it can continue providing American families with the necessary financial backing to become home owners—the foundation of the American dream.

H.R. 5072 also requires the FHA to improve its internal reporting systems to better manage risk and to provide transparent data to the public and Congress. This includes better monitoring of early defaults and claims, tracking mortgage information by loan servicer, and requiring a Government Accountability Office study on FHA. These kinds of reforms will make the FHA a more efficient, cost-effective, and sustainable program in the long run, and hopefully allow more families to become homeowners.

The bill is supported by a range of organizations including the National Urban League, the National Association of Realtors, the National Council of La Raza, the Mortgage Bankers Association, the National Community Reinvestment Coalition, and the National Association of Home Builders.

I encourage my colleagues to support the bill.

CELEBRATING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE WEST MONROE HIGH SCHOOL CHORAL PROGRAM

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today with tremendous pride and pleasure to pay tribute to the achievements of the West Monroe High School Choral program.

Through the years, they have held numerous concerts at Carnegie Hall, performed Mozart's Coronation Mass in Salzburg and Vienna, Austria, and sang the mass at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, Italy. The many recognitions they have received are the result of long hours of practice, and dedication to excellence by the students, faculty and their families.

The West Monroe High School Choir has once again been honored as they have been asked to represent Louisiana at the 2010 American Celebration of Music in France and Great Britain. This tour will provide an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for our young students to perform at various venues throughout Europe. The trip's highlights include performances at The Jesuit Church in Lucerne, Switzerland, Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, France, The American Cemetery in Normandy Beach, France, and St. Paul's Cathedral in London, England.

The European concert tour will take place from May 30, 2010 to June 10, 2010, and will include 82 singers and 40 chaperones. Under the leadership of Greg A. Oden, Director, and Vickie Freeman, Assistant Director, the students have passionately worked through the entire year to raise the necessary funds to achieve this aspiration.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the wonderful achievements

of the West Monroe High School Choir. The many honors they have received are the result of long hours of practice, and dedication to excellence by the students, faculty and their families. They have truly made me and their community proud.

COMMEMORATING THE ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE MURDER OF DR. TILLER

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the one-year anniversary of the murder of Dr. Tiller.

Dr. Tiller was a respected physician who dedicated his life to providing women with safe access to abortion care, and who was shot and killed while attending his church in Kansas.

Sadly, the experience of Dr. Tiller is not unique—since 1993, eight clinic workers have been murdered in the U.S.

A physician in my district recently shared with me her own account of a scared 13-year-old who came into the clinic with her mother. The girl had been sexually assaulted by a 19-year-old and needed an abortion.

The physician was able to help that young girl, but she confided her fear that someday she might not be able to aid young women who had no chance to prevent pregnancy.

In the end, she said it's her patients who reconfirm her "heartfelt desire to continue to provide."

As President Obama said, no one is pro-abortion, but when faced with such a gut-wrenching decision, a woman deserves to have a physician like Dr. Tiller to provide her with safe, quality care.

COMMEMORATING THE ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE MURDER OF DR. GEORGE TILLER

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the one-year anniversary of the murder of Dr. George Tiller who was killed in his church in Wichita, Kansas on May 31, 2009. Dr. Tiller was a dedicated physician, and his murder was a deplorable act of violence that violated the sanctity of his place of worship. Dr. Tiller's shooting shattered the peace of his church, and added to an all too long list of past tragedies in places of worship. In the past ten years, there have been numerous instances of gun related violence in our places of worship which resulted in 32 deaths and 26 injuries. These sanctuaries are meant to be peaceful refuges for those who seek serenity in times of turmoil and safety in times of hostility. On this anniversary of Dr. Tiller's murder, we must remember and commit to our country's tradition of cooperation and understanding. We must reaffirm the American principle that tolerance must always be superior to intolerance, and that violence is never an appropriate response to a difference in beliefs.

FHA REFORM ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 9, 2010

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5072) to improve the financial safety and soundness of the FHA mortgage insurance program:

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Madam Chair, I rise in support of H.R. 5072, the FHA Reform Act of 2010. This legislation will, among many provisions, allow FHA to adjust its premium structure for new borrowers, while continuing to provide services to the communities it was intended to serve. Unfortunately, the economic crisis—the national housing prices decline, unemployment, and loan losses—led to the FHA's capital reserves falling below the two percent level required by law. I believe, the changes my colleagues and I will make to this program will help ensure its success in the long term, while reducing federal spending and saving taxpayers \$2.5 billion dollars over the next five years.

The FHA Reform Act of 2010 will ensure FHA continues its role as a key stabilizing force in the market and support sustainable homeownership for first-time buyers and underserved markets. That said, I believe the FHA will help keep the recovery of our country on track by playing a central role in the housing finance system for some time before it scales back to its role as private capital returns.

H.R. 5072 will also grant FHA the authority to terminate lenders' approval to originate or underwrite loans backed by FHA insurance when FHA finds evidence of fraud or non-compliance. Unfortunately, in the second half of 2009, 2,357 default notices were issued to my constituents in the cities of Anaheim, Fullerton, Garden Grove, and Santa Ana. For this reason, it's imperative that FHA is reformed, so my constituents seeking to become homeowners are afforded the opportunity to do so from a safe and trustworthy source.

This bill is important to my constituents and many other Americans struggling to keep their homes.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

TRIBUTE TO MATT SCHILLER, 2010 RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate an individual from my Congressional District who was recently named the 2010 Riverside Unified School District Teacher of the Year. Matt Schiller, a teacher at Poly High School, was one of three teachers honored last month at an event in Riverside, California.

Matt graduated from U.C. San Diego in 1999 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology and received his teaching credentials and a Master of Science degree in biochemistry from U.C. Riverside in 2002. While

pursuing his master's degree, Matt became a teaching assistant and realized his passion for teaching science.

After graduating from U.C. Riverside, Matt completed his student teaching at A.B. Miller High School in Fontana, and taught physical science and biology at Westlake High School. He also taught chemistry through U.C. Riverside's Faststart summer program in 2008 and 2009. Matt has been teaching chemistry and earth science at Poly High School in Riverside since 2004.

Being recognized for his outstanding efforts is not new to Matt. In fact, he was awarded the Walton B. Sinclair Award in 2001 for being an outstanding student teacher at U.C. Riverside, and he also received the "Special Friend to Special Education" award from Conejo Valley Unified School District in 2003 for his work with the Information Technology Academy at Westlake High School. Additionally, he received special recognition for his collaboration with students in publishing a scientific article on protein structure.

True to his character of never settling for the status quo, Matt resurrected the Advanced Placement chemistry class which had not been available at Poly High School for several years. In his first year of teaching, more than 60 percent of his class passed the AP test. A 60 percent passing rate is still better than the national average, but that did not stop Matt from pushing himself to help even more of his students succeed. In 2009, that number grew to 92.3 percent, which is an incredible testament to Matt's dedication.

Matt has also taken the initiative to improve his contact with parents. He regularly emails the parents of his students with upcoming test information and packets of work, as well as routine grade checks so parents can stay in tune with their child's progress.

Matt has shown diversity in his non-science interests as well. In 2006 he started a photography club at Poly High School to share his interest in photography. The club has grown from a handful of students to nearly 100 students. And at the end of each year, the students display their work in a gallery in downtown Riverside.

Additionally, Matt coaches the Mock Trial club, and has led his team to the state competition two of the last six years.

Matt has said that the most important part of teaching is giving back to the community and his students; his actions have spoken much louder than his words. Matt has truly shown that he is an exemplary educator.

Matt Schiller's tireless passion for science and education has contributed immensely to the betterment of his students and the entire community of Riverside, California. I am proud to call Matt a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that many students, parents, and faculty members are grateful for his service and join me in congratulating Matt on receiving this prestigious award.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PAUL RYAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, last week, due to a death in the family, I was

not present to vote on the House floor. Had I been present, I would have cast the following votes:

Rollcall 291: H. Con. Res. 278 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree—"yes."

Rollcall 292: H.R. 1017 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass as Amended—"yes."

Rollcall 293: H.R. 5330 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended—"yes."

Rollcall 294: H.R. 5145 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended—"yes."

Rollcall 295: H. Res. 1258 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, as Amended—"yes."

Rollcall 296: H. Res. 1382 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree—"yes."

Rollcall 297: H. Res. 584 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree—"yes."

Rollcall 298: H.R. 3885 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass—"yes."

Rollcall 299: H.R. 2711 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Concur in the Senate Amendments—"yes."

Rollcall 300: H. Res. 1189 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree—"yes."

Rollcall 301: H. Res. 1172 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree—"yes."

Rollcall 302: H. Res. 1347 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree—"yes."

Rollcall 303: H. Res. 1385 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree—"yes."

Rollcall 304: H. Res. 1316 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree as Amended—"yes."

Rollcall 305: H. Res. 1169 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, as Amended—"yes."

Rollcall 306: H. Con. Res. 282 On Agreeing to the Resolution—"no."

Rollcall 307: H. Res. 1404 On Agreeing to the Resolution—"no."

Rollcall 308: H. Res. 1161 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree—"yes."

Rollcall 309: H. Res. 1372 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree—"yes."

Rollcall 310: H.R. 5136 On Agreeing to the Amendment—"yes."

Rollcall 311: H.R. 5136 On Agreeing to the Amendment—"yes."

Rollcall 312: H.R. 5136 On Agreeing to the Amendment—"no."

Rollcall 313: H.R. 5136 On Agreeing to the Amendment—"yes."

Rollcall 314: H.R. 5136 On Agreeing to the Amendment—"no."

Rollcall 315: H.R. 5136 On Agreeing to the Amendment—"no."

Rollcall 316: H.R. 5136 On Agreeing to the Amendment—"yes."

Rollcall 317: H.R. 5136 On Agreeing to the Amendment—"no."

Rollcall 318: H.R. 5136 On Agreeing to the Amendment—"yes."

Rollcall 319: H.R. 5136 On Approving the Journal—"no."

Rollcall 320: H. Res. 1391 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, as Amended—"yes."

Rollcall 321: H. Res. 1403 On Ordering the Previous Question—"no."

Rollcall 322: H. Res. 1403 On Agreeing to the Amendment—"no."

Rollcall 323: H. Res. 1403 On Agreeing to the Resolution, as Amended—"no."

Rollcall 324: H.R. 4213 On Concurring in the Senate amdt with amdt (except portion comprising section 532—"no."

Rollcall 325: H.R. 4123 On concurring in Senate amdt with portion of amdt comprising section 523—"no."

Rollcall 326: H.R. 5116 First Portion of the Divided Question—"yes."

Rollcall 327: H.R. 5116 Second Portion of the Divided Question—"yes."

Rollcall 328: H.R. 5116 Sixth Portion of the Divided Question—"yes."

Rollcall 329: H.R. 5116 Seventh Portion of the Divided Question—"yes."

Rollcall 330: H.R. 5116 Eighth Portion of the Divided Question—"yes."

Rollcall 331: H.R. 5116 Ninth Portion of the Divided Question—"yes."

Rollcall 332: H.R. 5116 On Passage—"no."

Rollcall 333: H.R. 5136 On Agreeing to the En Bloc Amendments, as Modified—"yes."

Rollcall 334: H.R. 5136 Table Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair—"no."

Rollcall 335: H.R. 5136 On Motion to Re-commit with Instructions—"yes."

Rollcall 336: H.R. 5136 On Passage—"no."

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF OLLIE GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 125th anniversary of Ollie Grove Baptist Church in Choudrant, La.

The church, which will celebrate this landmark anniversary on June 20, 2010, began in 1885 when a small group of men and women joined forces. These pioneers initially held services in a brush arbor until the first box-like frame building was constructed a year later. While the church building has changed many times over the past century, the church has continued to provide spiritual guidance to the Jackson Parish community since its inception.

Today, Ollie Grove Baptist Church is led by a dynamic young Pastor named Derric Chatman where he performs missionary outreach and works to increase the number of young men and women believing in the Holy Father and living a life in accordance to his word.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Ollie Grove Baptist Church for its dedication to providing a steadfast place of worship. Countless Sunday morning services, baptisms, weddings have been held there, and I am confident it will continue to be a source of Christian love and fellowship well over the next 100 years.

THE ISRAEL BLOCKADE AND THE FLOTILLA

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN SULLIVAN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 9, 2010

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of one of the U.S.'s strongest and most steadfast allies, Israel. Since the tragic events of May 31, 2010, many have publicly questioned the right of Israel to defend herself