

Although Lardner was known for his keen eye in real estate with the development of the Uptown area of Dallas, he was also concerned about the environment. Lardner's support for Texas Business for Clean Air, allowed him to oppose the fast-tracking of the coal-fired plants. Concerned that the electric generating plants would hurt the North Texas air quality the group strongly opposed the environmental abuse.

Madam Speaker, Tom Lardner's loss will be deeply felt among many, but his work will not be forgotten. His caring nature and the creative vision he possessed will live forever.

RECOGNIZING AGNES DILL FOR HER WORK ON BEHALF OF NATIVE AMERICANS

HON. HARRY TEAGUE

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. TEAGUE. Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I congratulate Agnes Dill for being awarded an honorary doctorate degree from the University of New Mexico for her many years of outstanding service and dedication to Indian Country.

Agnes earned her bachelor of Arts degree in education in 1937 and then taught at BIA schools in Oklahoma for over a decade. Along with becoming an educator, Agnes devoted much of her time in the 1970's to serving as an advocate for Native American people, particularly Native American women. Agnes served as one of the founding members of the North American Indian Women's Association and served as its President in 1973.

All of her efforts led to Agnes being appointed by President Ford to the National Advisory Council on Women's Education in 1975.

Not being one to rest on her laurels, Agnes took all of her knowledge and traveled extensively through the country to set up job and talent banks that would encourage Native American women to seek careers that were thought of as "non-traditional" during the time. These efforts encouraged Native American women to seek jobs in the fields of medicine, law and business. All of her work was driven by one motivating factor that she described in her own words in a recent interview: "Anything a man was doing, I tried to get a woman to do."

Agnes continued to drive policy on these issues when she served on the board of directors of Indian Pueblo Marketing, Inc., which promotes and funds the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center. Agnes also served on the National Advisory Committee for the White House Conference on Aging and has extended her focus to Native American youth serving as President of the New Mexico chapter of NAIWA and Director of New Mexico Indian Council on Aging.

With such an amazing history as an advocate, I am very proud of her numerous accomplishments and I'm proud to represent and honor her today in the Congress. From her beginnings as an educator, to her national advocacy roles, she has demonstrated how commitment to public service for Native American communities can inspire us all to improve our own lives and get involved with these important issues.

Even at the youthful age of 96 years old, her unwavering commitment to advocating for

improvements to Native American education and healthcare is a great example for all of us to look to and continue her work into the future.

REGARDING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE NATIONAL AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

HON. DAN BOREN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. BOREN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of the Vinita Post 40 unit of the American Legion Auxiliary in Oklahoma.

This year marks the 90th Anniversary Celebration of the National American Legion Auxiliary. Although not the first such organization of its kind, the National American Legion Auxiliary is the largest patriotic women's service organization in the world. Its nearly one million members are dedicated to promoting allegiance to God and Country, supporting veterans and youth through various community programs since 1919–1920.

The Vinita Post 40 unit was chartered on March 4, 1929 and has proudly served its Oklahoma community, sponsoring events that include the widely renowned Will Rogers Memorial Rodeo since its inception in 1935. I would like to congratulate the Vinita Post 40 unit and the American Legion Auxiliary for their outstanding patriotism and commitment to community, and today, I celebrate their achievement.

HONORING FLOYD CARSON FRISBEE FOR HIS SERVICE IN THE KOREAN WAR

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Floyd Carson Frisbee of Iron Duff, North Carolina for his valiant service in the United States Army. From March 1951 to March 1953, Mr. Frisbee fought bravely on the Korean peninsula in order to protect the sovereignty of South Korea, and the freedom of its people.

Mr. Frisbee received numerous medals for his service in Korea, including the National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, CIB, Combat, Medal, Occupation Medal, and the 50th Anniversary Medal. These medals represent the courage and commitment that Mr. Frisbee exhibited during his service in the 1st Cavalry Division.

After his service in the military, Floyd Frisbee continued to display his strong personal character as well as a commitment to provide for his family through 19 years of hard work at the Dayton Rubber plant. Since his retirement Mr. Frisbee has maintained a strong attachment to the Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute and has preached at various churches in the community.

Madam Speaker, Floyd Carson Frisbee provided an exemplary service for the people of

our great country through his service in the Korean War. His dedication and commitment to the United States is truly a source of pride to Western North Carolina. I urge my colleagues to join me today in honoring Floyd Carson Frisbee for his valiant service in the military and the sacrifices he has made for our Nation.

CONGRATULATING THE CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS ON WINNING THE STANLEY CUP

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Chicago Blackhawks on winning the 2010 Stanley Cup. After an incredible season, no team is more deserving.

The Blackhawks lightening-fast pace and tremendous skill level delivered the team the second-best league record in the regular season. Coach Joel Quenneville guided his team masterfully through the playoffs, where the Blackhawks defeated the Nashville Predators, Vancouver Canucks, and San Jose Sharks to win the Clarence S. Campbell Bowl as Western Conference champions.

Led by captain and Conn Smythe winner Jonathan Toews, who equaled the Blackhawks single-season playoff scoring record with 29 points, the team met the Philadelphia Flyers in the Stanley Cup finals. Each player on the team made significant contributions as they battled the Flyers until the overtime period of game six, where Patrick Kane notched the series-winning goal, earning Chicago its first Stanley Cup since 1961.

As a lifelong fan of the Chicago Blackhawks, I take great pride in congratulating the team on an incredibly thrilling season. I thank them for bringing the Stanley Cup back to the Madhouse on Madison.

THE ISRAEL BLOCKADE AND THE FLOTILLA

SPEECH OF

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 9, 2010

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, Israel has the right and the duty to defend itself and its citizens. Part of its defense includes seeking to inspect ships run by Islamist extremist groups. These extremists were seeking to enter Hamas-controlled Gaza despite repeated requests from the Israeli government not to do so.

I am very concerned by these recent events that have occurred in the Mediterranean Sea. As we now know, on Monday, May 31, the Israel Defense Forces intercepted six ships, known as the "Free Gaza" flotilla. We have learned that this flotilla attempted to break Israel's blockade of the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip. Although many have said that its primary aim was to deliver humanitarian aid to Gaza, it seems apparent that its main objective was to provoke Israel and disrupt the blockade. More than a million tons of humanitarian aid and medical supplies have entered

Gaza through the Port of Ashod and other already established routes. The blockade was set in place to prevent weapons from being smuggled into Gaza. Although I am deeply saddened by the loss of human life that occurred during the interception of the flotilla, I do feel that the Israeli soldiers had every right to defend their lives against a hostile group who attacked them with clubs and knives.

The United States must stand by Israel and its right to self defense.

JOB CREATION

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to discuss a very important matter—job creation.

As I have previously mentioned, we have seen a lot of progress this year. Our economy has created over 500,000 new jobs in 2010 alone. The newest jobs numbers indicate that over 419,000 jobs were created last month. As a country we are getting stronger and stronger.

While these are great statistics, we still have a long way to go. Only 41,000 of these jobs were created in the private sector. Many of the remaining jobs are temporary census positions. While temporary work is better than no work, our economy and my constituents need and demand permanent job creation.

Some of this can certainly be government jobs, but our economy thrives on job creation and development from the private sector. From the mom and pop shop in Brooklyn to the company that hires by the thousands—each contribute to the economy, to communities, and to families.

Congress needs to continue to work together to enact policies that create and encourage job creation. I urge my colleagues both in the House and the Senate to come together on this important goal—jobs.

IN CELEBRATION OF NEW BETHEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH'S 85TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. PETERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church on the occasion of its 85th Anniversary. As a Member of Congress it is both my honor and privilege to recognize and congratulate Reverend Keyon Payton and the congregation for reaching this most impressive milestone.

New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church was founded on June 21, 1925 as an institution rooted in spiritual fellowship and service to the Pontiac community. From its inception, with 27 founding families and under the leadership of Reverend J.W. Conyers, New Bethel found its first home at 175 Branch Street, and became a beacon on a hill shining down upon the Pontiac community as a symbol of faith and fellowship. The passion of New Bethel's lead-

ers has forever been a core strength of the Church. According to New Bethel history, Reverend William Bell sold his own car and took the bus to deliver his sermons every week, so that the Church could repair and expand their aging facilities. This selfless act is one example of the deep devotion of New Bethel's congregation and leadership to the Church's mission. New Bethel's community-minded focus, first fully realized under the leadership of Reverend Amos Johnson, drove the Church to become a "Family Center," a pillar of charity and service in the Pontiac community.

Under New Bethel's current leader, Pastor Keyon Payton, the Church has continued to prosper and expand upon its goals to join the Pontiac community in spiritual fellowship and community service. Through execution of Pastor Payton's bold vision, New Bethel reached out to several of its neighboring congregations in collaboration to create Camp Hosanna, a day camp for youth that provides them with a safe and secure environment to explore all realms of education. Pastor Payton has also been the driving force behind many new community-based programs which New Bethel hopes to implement including an emergency shelter for women and children in need, a community development corporation to promote an economically vibrant and financially literate Pontiac community, and a youth development center to guide and nurture Pontiac's future leaders.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church's 85th Anniversary of spiritual guidance and service to the Pontiac community. New Bethel's congregation and leadership have left a profound impact on the Pontiac community and have enriched the lives of many. I wish Pastor Payton, the New Bethel leadership and the entire congregation, many more years of vibrant spiritual fellowship and growth.

RETIREMENT FOR N. GARY ROOKE, FORMER CEO, GREATER SPRINGFIELD CREDIT UNION, SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the retirement of Gary Rooke from the Greater Springfield Credit Union. After 19 years of committed, dutiful and effective employment, I would like to acknowledge the significant contribution made to the lives of the credit union members and employees and would like to place this tribute into the official record.

Mr. N. Gary Rooke joined the Greater Springfield Credit Union on November 13, 1990, as manager/CEO and has significantly increased the health of the credit union since his arrival. Since his start in 1990, many services have been added to the Credit Union such as debit cards, Roth IRAs, prime checking, online banking, bill pay, youth accounts, overdraft protection, vacation/holiday/computer/energy loans, audio response, member wire transfers, credit cards and development of the East Longmeadow branch.

Mr. Rooke is also extremely involved in his community, serving 20 years at the Mountain

View Baptist Church, in which he has participated in many different ways. Gary served as the commander of Awana Youth Program as well as a Sunday school teacher, treasurer, church building committee, trustee and deacon. He has also been an active volunteer at the Westfield Boys and Girls club. Mr. Rooke also serves on many different committees which benefit the community.

On Thursday, July 17, Gary's colleagues, friends and family will honor his legacy and thank him for his successful work on behalf of others and join him in celebrating his retirement from the Greater Springfield Credit Union.

Gary Rooke has been a tremendous CEO to the Greater Springfield Credit Union in Springfield. I am proud to congratulate him on his retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, June 8, 2010 was primary Election Day in my state of California, which necessitated my remaining in my congressional district on Tuesday, June 8, 2010, through Wednesday, June 9, 2010. Consequently, I was unable to return in time for rollcall votes 337 through 346.

I ask the RECORD to reflect that had I been present I would have voted as follows:

1. On rollcall No. 337, I would have voted "aye" (June 8) (H.R. 1061, Hoh Indian Tribe Safe Homelands Act).

2. On rollcall No. 338, I would have voted "aye" (June 8) (H. Res. 518, Honoring the life of Jacques-Yves Cousteau, explorer, researcher, and pioneer in the field of marine conservation).

3. On rollcall No. 339, I would have voted "no" (June 9) (Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule for H.R. 5072—FHA Reform Act of 2010 (H. Res. 1424)).

4. On rollcall No. 340, I would have voted "no" (June 9) (On Agreeing to the Resolution Providing for the consideration of the bill H.R. 5072, the FHA Reform Act).

5. On rollcall No. 341, I would have voted "no" (June 9) (H. Res. 989—Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States should adopt national policies and pursue international agreements to prevent ocean acidification, to study the impacts of ocean acidification, and to address the effects of ocean acidification on marine ecosystems and coastal economies).

6. On rollcall No. 342, I would have voted "aye" (June 9) (H. Res. 1178—Directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to compile the cost estimates prepared by the Congressional Budget Office which are included in reports filed by committees of the House on approved legislation and post such estimates on the official public Internet site of the Office of the Clerk).

7. On rollcall No. 343, I would have voted "aye" (June 9) (On the Motion to Instruct Conference on H.R. 4173—Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2009 which instructs the House Conference to end the culture of bailouts embedded in the bill).

8. On rollcall No. 344, I would have voted "aye" (June 9) (H. Res. 1330—Recognizing June 8, 2010, as World Ocean Day).