

"American Eagle Day", and celebrating the recovery and restoration of the bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States—I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall vote 357, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass—H.R. 5502, To amend the effective date of the gift card provisions of the Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure Act of 2009—I would have voted "aye."

JUNE 15, 2010

Rollcall vote 358, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree—H. Res. 1383, Honoring Dr. Larry Case on his retirement as National FFA Advisor—I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall vote 359, On Agreeing to the Resolution—H. Res. 1436, Providing for consideration of H.R. 5486, the Small Business Jobs Tax Relief Act; and providing for consideration of H.R. 5297, the Small Business Lending Fund Act—I would have voted "no."

Rollcall vote 360, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended—H.R. 4855, Work-Life Balance Award Act—I would have voted "no."

Rollcall vote 361, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree—H. Res. 1389, Recognizing the immeasurable contributions of fathers in the healthy development of children, supporting responsible fatherhood, and encouraging greater involvement of fathers in the lives of their children, especially on Father's Day—I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall vote 362, On Motion to Recommit with Instructions—H.R. 5486, Small Business Jobs Tax Relief Act of 2010—I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall vote 363, On Passage—H.R. 5486, Small Business Jobs Tax Relief Act of 2010—I would have voted "no."

Rollcall vote 364, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree—H. Res. 1322, Celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship Program and recognizing the significant contributions of Albert Einstein Fellows—I would have voted "aye."

#### IN RECOGNITION OF SENATOR GEORGIA POWERS' SERVICE TO KENTUCKY AND THE UNITED STATES

#### HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 16, 2010*

Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, I rise in recognition of a woman whose legacy and work has forever changed the character of both the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the United States of America. Today, in Louisville, a major thoroughfare will be named in honor of Senator Georgia Davis Powers. This is a commemoration bestowed only to the most legendary leaders in our Commonwealth—and Senator Powers is nothing short of legendary.

I am honored to join the chorus of voices praising her tireless and lifelong fight to ensure equality and justice are persevering principles in our Commonwealth. As the first woman and first African-American to be elected to Kentucky's State Senate, Georgia Powers is a trailblazer who has dedicated her life and career to the cause of civil rights. Though she has retired from politics, her service has

left an enduring mark in Louisville and across this country.

In fact, her life's work is and continues to be a true example of how one individual can make a difference not just for her own generation, but every one that follows.

When the story of the struggle for civil rights and women's rights in Kentucky is told, Georgia Powers stands as a central figure—a legend who continually sought to make life better for all of our citizens. Today, as we ensure that her legacy will be recognized by the people of Louisville for decades to come, all Kentuckians and all Americans should be proud of her dedicated service in pursuit of our defining national goals.

Therefore, I ask my colleagues to join me today in further recognizing the extraordinary work and dedication of Senator Georgia Powers of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

#### A TRIBUTE TO REVEREND DR. MARVIN J. BENTLEY

#### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 16, 2010*

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Reverend Dr. Marvin J. Bentley for his contributions to his community and commitment to his faith.

The Reverend Dr. Marvin J. Bentley was born in Brooklyn, New York. He received his basic religious training at the Cornerstone Baptist Church, and under the tutelage of the late Dr. Sandy F. Ray he became licensed to preach the gospel by the Cornerstone Baptist Church.

Dr. Bentley was educated within the New York public school system; he attained his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of New York at Stony Brook with majors in Health Science and Social Welfare. He obtained his seminary education at Union Theological Seminary in New York City, securing a Master's in Divinity degree. At Drew University, in Madison, NJ he earned his Doctor of Ministry degree, and he recently received an Associate's Degree from Nassau Community College, L.I., N.Y., in Applied Science.

Dr. Bentley was ordained at the Abyssinian Baptist Church, where he served as the assistant minister under the mentorship of Dr. Samuel D. Proctor, and Dr. Calvin Butts III. Dr. Bentley is active in many civic and community activities. He serves on numerous boards and committees and is the former President of American Baptist Churches of Metro New York. He is a former Naval Chaplain in the United States Naval Reserve. He has served as President and Vice-President of Community School Board 30, former member of Community Board 3, and past President of the Corona East Elmhurst Clergy Association. He is the recipient of many civic and religious awards and honors.

As pastor, Dr. Bentley has been serving the Antioch Baptist Church of Corona for 30 years, enjoying a blessed ministry. During his tenure at the church, it has relocated into a beautiful, gothic style new church home in Corona, Queens, New York. It has grown to numerous ministries that include male and female "Right of Passage" ministries, the Antioch Bible Institute, Christian Bookstore, Video Ministry, Credit Union and Athletic Ministry.

In addition, under Pastor Bentley's leadership, the Antioch Baptist Church of Corona has embarked upon a ministry to liquidate the credit card debt of their congregation. The model for the vision was given to Pastor Bentley by Bishop C. Vernie Russell Jr, Pastor MT. Carmel Baptist Church, and Norfolk, VA. This ministry has caused the congregation to look at their finances, spending, and saving habits. The Antioch church is embracing the biblical motif that as Christians, they are not to be indebted to anyone but God, and they are to help others according to their needs. The idea to get out of debt is embraced so that they can remain free of fiscal difficulties.

Pastor Bentley is married to his high school sweetheart, Carla and they are the proud parents of three lovely children.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the work of Reverend Dr. Marvin J. Bentley.

#### MAYOR'S PROFESSIONAL MARINERS AWARDS AWARDED ON JUNE 9, 2010

#### HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 16, 2010*

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, the Mayor's Professional Mariners Award is sponsored by the City of New Bedford, Professional Mariner Magazine and Commercial Marine Expo. This award honors an individual or organization who has made a significant contribution to the marine industry. This year's award recipients are Harriet Didriksen, Martin S. Manley and Howard W. Nickerson.

#### MAYOR'S PROFESSIONAL MARINERS AWARDS HARRIET DIDRIKSEN

Harriet Didriksen is constantly fighting for fishing families, the fishing way of life, and the American dream. She steadfastly attends New England Fisheries Management Council meetings from Connecticut to Maine, and never misses a gathering where she can help fishermen oppose government bureaucrats' undue interference. She is a regular at hearings in Washington—which she attends at her own expense—and is a tireless advocate.

Harriet owns the F/V Settler. She owned the F/V Bagatell, which is now an educational vessel at Stony Brook University. She is owner and operator of New Bedford Ship Supply, one of the oldest ship chandleries on the East Coast.

Mrs. Didriksen's father dragged in the winter and scalloped in the summer. He emigrated from Norway to Brooklyn and moved to New Bedford to be closer to George's Bank. Her uncles were also fishermen. Her brother is a shore-side business and vessel owner. She is the mother of two.

New England fishermen are fortunate to have her on their side.

#### MARTIN S. MANLEY

The late Capt. Martin "Marty" Manley was a commercial fisherman for 38 years, and at the age of just 19, was one of the youngest skippers out of the Port of New Bedford.

Captain Manley was a tireless advocate for the commercial scallop fishing industry. He was recognized as an industry leader and received numerous awards and accolades, including Helmsman of the Year from the Port of Gloucester. He was a member and former

President of the Offshore Mariners Association.

During his career, he owned and operated several scallopers along the eastern seaboard, the last being the F/V Mary Anne, which he designed, built, and operated with great pride. He served as the director of the City of New Bedford Harbor Development Commission, and later served as manager of the Popes Island Marina until his retirement in 2007. The building of that marina was one of his life's accomplishments.

He served as a member of the New Bedford Redevelopment Authority and the Economic Development Commission.

HOWARD W. NICKERSON

The late Howard Nickerson watched over the New Bedford waterfront for 65 years. He began his career as a young man, tub trawling in a sailing vessel, moving to commercial fishing on George's Bank as vessel engineer. Through the decades, Mr. Nickerson participated in the industry from every angle, as a fisherman, representing fishermen, seafood dealers, seafood workers, boat owners and directing state and municipal agencies, always fighting for fairer regulations.

He served as head of the Harbor Development Commission, the State Pier, the Seafood Dealers Association, the Seafood Workers Health-Pension Fund, the New England Fisheries Steering Committee and the Offshore Mariners Association.

A strong advocate of seafood marketing, Mr. Nickerson was involved in organizing the New Bedford Seafood Council and the New Bedford Scallop Festival in the 1950s and '60s, which helped build the market demand that allowed the scallop to become the port's cash leader.

#### RECOGNITION OF KATHLEEN T. ELLIS AND ROBERT SICKLES

#### HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kathleen T. Ellis and Robert Sickles for the laudable achievements that make them the well-deserved recipients of the YMCA's 2010 Champions for Children Distinguished Citizen Service Award. Both are successful local business leaders and committed community activists.

Ms. Ellis is the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of New Jersey Natural Gas, the principal subsidiary of New Jersey Resources. NJ Natural Gas provides energy to almost 500,000 residential and business customers in the heart of NJ's vacation spots. She has also led a robust career prior to joining NJR in 2004; Ms. Ellis served as the Director of Communications to former Governor James McGreevey from 2002–2004, and as Manager of Communications and Director of State Governmental Affairs for the NJ-based energy company PSE&G from 1998–2002. In addition to all of her commendable business successes, Ms. Ellis has been an incredibly active member of her community, serving the interests of women and children at no compensation for her efforts. She is on the Board of Trustees for the private, nonprofit organization, 180 Turning Lives Around, which has focused on ending domestic abuse and violence in Monmouth County for 30 years. She is also on the board of New Jersey's PAM's List, which is active in raising money for pro-

choice women to run for public office, as well as the New Jersey League of Municipalities Educational Foundation and New Jersey Future.

Mr. Sickles, better known as Bob, is the owner-operator of the local Sickles Market in Little Silver, NJ, which has remained in business through three generations of Sickles. Although the Market itself was established in 1908 as a seasonal farmer's market, the Sickles' family history extends all the way to a King's Land Grant in 1663. Sickles Market is now a year-round, fresh foods market with 4 production greenhouses and over 10 acres of working farm production, as well as a garden center, all a result of Bob's transformative re-vamping in 1998 to keep the store open through the winter in competition with big grocery stores without losing its unique local flavor. It is thus unsurprising that Mr. Sickles has been the recipient of many awards in recognition of the Market's distinctive success, including the 2004 Innovator of the Year Award from Garden Center Management & Merchandising Magazine and "Random Acts of Beauty 2008" by the Little Silver Garden Club, to name only a few. Mr. Sickles is also heavily involved in his community, hosting Back to Garden and Kids Day events at the Market in order to educate children about healthy living and environmental awareness. In 2008, Sickles Market raised over \$300,000 over 5 years for the Holiday Express annual fundraiser, a local charity for the disadvantaged.

Madam Speaker, I would once more like to thank Kathleen Ellis and Robert Sickles for their contributions to their businesses and to their communities, and congratulate them again on their 2010 Distinguished Citizen Services awards from the YMCA, which they both highly deserve.

#### OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

#### HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$13,078,420,280,010.67.

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 \$2,404,722,523,042.60 so far this Congress. The debt has increased \$35,272,010,674.80 since just yesterday.

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

#### 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF CHATHAM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

#### HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the 175th anniversary of the Chatham Presbyterian Church in Chatham, Illinois.

The Chatham Presbyterian Church was founded in 1835 by some of Chatham's found-

ing citizens, the Reverend Dewey Whitney, T.A. Spilman and William Thornton. The first service was held in Mr. Thornton's home and was attended by about 15 families, some of whom had come by wagon from New York to settle Sangamon County.

From that humble beginning, Chatham Presbyterian has expanded to more than 400 members, and several new buildings. Just after celebrating their sesquicentennial in 1985, Chatham Presbyterian moved into its current building on Walnut Street in Chatham. Over the years, Chatham Presbyterian has been an important part of the Chatham and Springfield communities, as well as carrying on mission work across the country and around the world. In addition, Chatham Presbyterian is active in our local community, hosting group work camps in Springfield's historic Enos Park neighborhood.

I want to congratulate Dr. Joe Eby, Pastor of Chatham Presbyterian, and the entire church family on celebrating this important milestone. I join with the other members of this House in wishing Chatham Presbyterian another 175 years of success.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, June 15, 2010, I was not present for two recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted the following way: Roll No. 363—"nay"; Roll No. 364—"yea."

#### A TRIBUTE TO MANUEL SEMAN AND LUISE PANGELINAN VILLAGOMEZ

#### HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN

OF NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Mr. SABLAN. Madam Speaker, 86-year-old Manuel Seman Villagomez's kempt silver hair, easy smile and gregarious personality belie his years of hard work and difficult childhood. He came from a large family with meager possessions, but over time, intense work and unwavering devotion to his faith and family have made him a contented man.

Manuel, or Manny, Villagomez was born on January 24, 1924 on Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands during the Japanese occupation. He is the youngest of ten children. His Chamorro father was born on Guam, but, at the age of 18, he moved to Saipan with his siblings. Manny's mother, half Chamorro and half Carolinian, was from Saipan.

Manny received a sixth grade level education, the maximum allowable for Chamorro children under Japanese law at the time. After he graduated from school, he worked at the family farm and sold produce to the Japanese stores to support the large family. He fished with his father to supplement the family income. His father's love of fishing for kichu, or sergeant fish, was the reason for his family being affectionately called "Kiyu."