

retirement in 1981. Upon her retirement, Eva became a world traveler, visiting countries in Europe and the Far East including Japan and China. She has also been to the Caribbean, Canada, Mexico, and various sites within the United States of America including Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

In 1958, under the leadership of the late Reverend George W. Thomas, Eva became a member of the Brown Memorial Baptist Church and has been a faithful member ever since. The same year, she became a member of the Floral Club. She went on to become part of the Brown Memorial Baptist Church Pastor's Aid Chorus. For a number of years, she was a Den Mother for the Boy Scouts of America Troop 199. Currently, she is a team leader on the church's restoration project under the leadership of the Reverend Clinton M. Miller.

Mrs. McQuillan loves people and loves to help those in need. Her life's motto is "If I can help someone as I pass along this way—then my living will not be in vain."

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the contributions of Eva Smith McQuillan.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF LT.
COL. MELANIE MCCLURE, PRIN-
CIPAL OF ENTERPRISE ELEMEN-
TARY IN DALE CITY, VA

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the service of LTC Melanie McClure, principal of Enterprise Elementary School in Dale City, Va.

Lieutenant Colonel McClure has served with distinction both in our local classrooms and our Nation's military. One year after graduating from James Madison University in 1984 with a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education, she joined the United States Army Reserves. In that same year, her first deployment took her to Germany as a platoon leader, operations officer and adjunct for the Battalion Commander. When she returned home, Lieutenant Colonel McClure began teaching in the Fairfax County Public Schools system. Her career as an educator was put on hold when she once again answered the call to serve on active duty after the devastating terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Lieutenant Colonel McClure served in Alexandria, Va., as a plans and operations officer for the Mortuary and Casualty Support Division until July 2003. She then returned to Kent Gardens Elementary School in Fairfax County as an assistant principal and principal. She took on her current role as principal of Enterprise Elementary School with Prince William County Schools in 2007.

Many of our Nation's reservists juggle leadership roles in both our military and our communities. Lieutenant Colonel McClure is no exception. Her most recent deployment required that she take a leave of absence from her position as the head administrator at Enterprise Elementary to serve on active duty in Iraq. Her students paid tribute to their principal with a send off in the spring of 2009 and on June 7, 2010, they welcomed her home with the rev-

erence and adoration she deserves. Lieutenant Colonel McClure has used this experience to teach her students responsibility and the importance of honoring commitments. These are qualities our veterans come to understand intimately as they sacrifice their safety for the protection of our nation.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the service of LTC Melanie McClure. Her service stands as an example to her students of the bravery of our military's men and women and will instill in future generations an appreciation for the needs of our Nation's veterans.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FRANCES
M. BERCKMAN

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the life of Frances M. Berckman, better known as "Nanny Fran."

"Nanny Fran" passed from this life at the age of 96 on Tuesday, June 15th, 2010.

She is remembered fondly and lovingly as a mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and even great great grandmother. She was born and raised in Jersey City some 96 years ago, and lived the past 42 years in Keansburg, New Jersey. Her husband, Matthew passed away in 1990.

She is survived by three daughters and a son-in-law; Dolores Laabs of Pennsylvania, Roberta and Jack Waugh of Hazlet, and Kathleen Berckman of Brick. In addition, she has twelve grandchildren, twenty great grandchildren, and four great great grandchildren.

As if they were not enough to keep her life filled with happiness and love; she spent her time as a homemaker, bingo champion, reading and frequent trips to Atlantic City. She was also a member of St. Ann's Church where a funeral mass will occur to celebrate her life on Friday, June 18th at 11:00 am. Family and friends will gather at the Jacqueline M. Ryan Funeral Home in Keansburg, New Jersey on Thursday, June 17th to share their memories of this wonderful woman.

I was honored to know her through four of her grandchildren (Thomas, Matt, Deidre, and Greg Keelen), who now, along with the rest of her family, serve as her legacy. She is assured that it is in good and loving hands. God Bless "Nanny Fran."

RECOGNIZING CAPTAIN (RETIRED)
STUART ALAN RICHARDS
SCOTTSDALE HEALTHCARE'S
"SALUTE TO MILITARY" HON-
OREE

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a distinguished member of the Armed Forces residing in my home state. In Arizona, Scottsdale Healthcare honors service members who perform diligent service to this country every month; for the month of

May, they have recognized Captain (Retired) Stuart Alan Richards.

I commend Scottsdale Healthcare for paying tribute to this outstanding service member for his commitment, dedication and service to our country.

Captain Richards originally joined the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam era, but subsequently transferred to the Naval Reserve in order to attain a college degree as a Physician's Assistant. After receiving his degree, Captain Richards became a Warrant Officer in the Army National Guard, quickly rising to achieve the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 3 after returning to the Naval Reserve. Captain Richard's final career change occurred in 1988 with his transition into the United States Public Health Service. Once there, he worked at the Phoenix Indian Medical Center where he was deployed numerous times to support medical efforts during the shootings at Red Lakes Reservation in Minnesota and hurricanes in Florida. After 31 years of federal service, he retired in 2006.

Today, Captain Richards continues his life's work of caring for the injured and sick as a Physician's Assistant with Scottsdale Emergency Associates who staff Scottsdale Healthcare's three Emergency Departments.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing this exceptional Military Officer for serving our country and caring for fellow service men and women in and out of combat.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. JACK
WALLACE

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Jack Wallace, an outstanding man who improved the lives of countless individuals while working tirelessly to make Memphis a better and safer place. Born in 1928, Mr. Wallace spent 24 years serving in the Memphis Police Department before his retirement in 1976.

Jack Wallace was one of the most outstanding people to have served the Memphis community. I was privileged to serve as Police Legal Advisor for the Memphis Police Department in the seventies, where Jack served as my mentor. He was the person I looked up to, learned from, and got advice from. The policemen all respected Jack because he was a policeman's policeman; he was a man's man. He was strong; he was smart; he was a natural leader.

Despite never attending college, Mr. Wallace attended the Southern College of Law, where he was consistently at the top of his class. His colleagues and classmates recalled how much they grew to respect and revere him. As a policeman, Jack analyzed issues like a lawyer, cutting through all the issues in order to get to the heart of each matter. Though he never served as the official director of police, Mr. Wallace served as interim director under Mayor Henry Loeb. Jack Wallace was the perfect fit for the job. At the time, there was no one in the police department with more intelligence, more common sense, respect, leadership abilities and a better sense of judgment and values.

During his time with the Memphis Police Department Mr. Wallace faced some of the

toughest issues confronting the city. He was an integral part of ensuring the safety and continued success of the city in a period of potential turmoil. After the 1968 assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., it was Jack who maintained order in the community after violence broke out, commanding the night tactical units. Wallace was also responsible for peacefully ending a 12-hour hostage situation, a heroic incident in which he walked into a held-up house, unarmed, and rescued six children. Jack Wallace was twice named one of the top 10 police officers in the country by Parade Magazine.

In addition to remembering Mr. Wallace for his leadership and bravery as a Memphis police officer, I will always remember and appreciate the times we were able to spend on the Ridgeway golf course in Memphis with friends. As a golfer, he had the ability to charm everyone on the course. Years after we played golf, mutual friends would ask "Where's Jack Wallace?" He had that memorable personality and they simply loved playing with him. His wife, Shirley Wallace, reported that the day before his death, he played 27 holes of golf.

Jack Wallace passed away on Saturday, June 12 of heart failure in Brownsville, Tennessee at the age of 82. Mr. Wallace was a man of exceptional integrity and moral character. His was a life well lived, and I honor him today as a public servant, a leader, a mentor, and a friend. The city of Memphis is a better place because of Jack Wallace. He is survived by his wife Shirley, his son Lee Wallace of Kansas City, MO, two daughters, Diane Swan of Collierville, TN and Amy Todd of Jackson, TN, a brother, Bill Wallace of Memphis and seven grandchildren.

AMERICAN BANKERS ASSOCIATION

HON. RUBÉN HINOJOSA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Mr. HINOJOSA. Madam Speaker, I would like to submit a letter from the American Bankers Association in support of H.R. 5297, the Small Business Lending Fund Act.

AMERICAN BANKERS ASSOCIATION,
Washington, DC, June 9, 2010.

To: Members of the U.S. House of Representatives

From: Floyd E. Stoner, Executive Vice President, Congressional Relations & Public Policy

Re: H.R. 5297, the Small Business Lending Fund Act

On behalf of the members of the American Bankers Association (ABA), I am writing to express our support for H.R. 5297, the Small Business Lending Fund Act. As proposed, Treasury would invest in community banks

through a new program that would be separate and apart from the Troubled Assets Relief Program (TARP). This legislation will serve as another tool for community banks to meet the needs of small businesses in their communities, and we urge the House to pass this legislation.

Even with the general economy starting to improve, there are still many areas of the United States that struggle under the weight of the severe downturn. Since banks are a reflection of their communities, they are suffering with the communities they serve. Yet even in areas beset by poor economic conditions there are strong borrowers.

Meeting the needs of these borrowers has been made more difficult as regulators pressure many banks to increase their capital-to-asset ratios. Given the severity of the downturn, it is difficult if not impossible for community banks to find new sources of capital. Thus, the only option for many banks is to shrink, which can mean making fewer loans. H.R. 5297 would allow banks to avoid that result and continue meeting the needs of their communities. With an improving economy and public investments, such as those proposed in H.R. 5297, lending can increase faster in some of the hardest hit areas of the country. Community banks, which are the life blood of many communities, can provide the needed capital.

While we are supportive of this legislation, we believe the fund could be more effective if it recognized the dynamic nature of a bank's loan portfolio. Roughly 20 percent of a community bank's small business loan portfolio is repaid each year. Under H.R. 5297, a bank would not be viewed as increasing its small business lending until it made enough loans to replace that 20 percent. Recognizing all of a bank's small business lending would make the program more attractive to many community banks.

The program's success also will hinge on whether it is made available to banks who actually need the capital. If the program is made available only to those banks who do not need it, the program will fail. There are many viable community banks that would benefit greatly from a comparatively modest investment by the government to help them weather the current economic storms. Past initiatives have left this group of banks on the sidelines and, in many cases, have made it more difficult for them to attract private capital. We encourage you to support making the Treasury program available to banks that are viable on a post-investment basis.

The bill also includes a State Small Business Credit Initiative, which we find very promising. Efforts like this in Michigan, for example, have shown great promise over the years they have been in place. Under the Michigan Strategic Fund (MSF), the MSF deposits the cash into an interest bearing account with that lender and this account will then be pledged as collateral on behalf of the borrower. Based on an amortization schedule, the MSF will draw down the account as the loan principal is paid. In the event of full default, the lender will have rights to the account less a liquidation fee. The proposed

State Small Business Credit Initiative would function in a similar manner and, we believe, could provide much needed support for loans made by participating banks. As with the Small Business Lending Fund, ABA recommends that all viable community banks be allowed to participate.

While we shall continue to work with Congress as this legislation moves forward, we believe that the legislation can serve as a real tool to help community banks meet the credit needs of their communities. We support passage of H.R. 5297.

PARNICK JENNINGS

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my long time friend, Parnick Jennings, for receiving the 2010 Hugh Burnes Christian Service Award. Parnick moved to Rome when he was just 6 months old and has been a dedicated servant of the Rome Community for decades. It is my distinct pleasure to honor him today.

After serving in the Korean War, Parnick followed in his father's footsteps and chose a career as a mortician—offering comfort and hope to more than 23,000 families in the 11th District of Georgia. His compassion and caring spirit helped lay the pathway for a successful career, as he owned three Jennings Funeral Homes and now the Good Shepherd Funeral Home.

Parnick has also spent much of his time over the years giving back to the Christian community through his love of gospel music. He hosted a Sunday morning program on WRGA, a weekly TV gospel music show that reached thousands of viewers, and a series of gospel music concerts that were highlights for the Rome Community.

In addition Parnick has been a member of many community and Christian boards, including the Shorter College Board of Trustees and the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board of Trustees, among many others. Notably, he is the only living Life Member of the Salvation Army Advisory Board where he also served as Board and Capital Campaign Chairman.

Madam Speaker, Parnick has given back so much to Rome, and I am very pleased to congratulate him today on receiving such a distinguished award. I would also like to wish him a blessed and happy Father's Day as he celebrates with his wife, Margaret, and their beautiful children. Thank you Parnick for everything you have done for our community, and my very best to you.