

of those around him. Once before, he built a shed with an opening where people in the community could come to drop off cans and bottles. All the money redeemed from the cans and bottles was donated to a local medical facility for children with cancer. Gary is quick to acknowledge his loyal friends who helped him with these projects and I too want to thank them for their hard work.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Gary and his friends as well as congratulating them for their service to the community.

#### SMALL BUSINESS JOBS AND CREDIT ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

**HON. BOB ETHERIDGE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 16, 2010*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5297) to create the Small Business Lending Fund Program to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to make capital investments in eligible institutions in order to increase the availability of credit for small businesses, and for other purposes:

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Chair, I rise in support of H.R. 5297, the Small Business Jobs and Credit Act. Small businesses form the backbone of our economy and this bill helps them get access to the credit that they need to grow and create jobs.

While there are strong signs that our economy has turned the corner and is beginning to heal, there are still far too many small businesses unable to get the capital they need to contribute to the recovery. H.R. 5297 creates a Small Business Lending Fund to deliver loans to small business on Main Street. This fund will be available to small and medium-sized community banks that specialize in lending to these institutions. H.R. 5297 includes strong incentives in the form of adjustable repayment rates to make sure that participating community banks lend this money out for its intended purpose. This \$30 billion fund can be leveraged to create up to \$300 billion in loans that small businesses need for growth and expansion. This is the kind of growth that will help continue our economic recovery and get us back to full strength.

In addition to this loan fund, H.R. 5297 provides funding specifically for new and existing lending initiatives that have been developed in several states. With increased funding, we can tap this local expertise and expand on their work to increase small business lending and create jobs.

Finally, as a supporter of budget discipline, I am pleased that this bill does not add to the deficit. These loans are required to be paid back in ten years with interest. In fact, the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office estimates that this bill will actually reduce the deficit by \$1 billion by the end of the ten-year period.

I support helping businesses on Main Street access the credit they need to grow and expand. I support H.R. 5297, and I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to join me in voting for its passage.

THE RETIREMENT OF RONALD T.Y.  
MOON, CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE  
HAWAII STATE SUPREME COURT

**HON. MAZIE K. HIRONO**

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 17, 2010*

Ms. HIRONO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Hawaii Supreme Court Chief Justice Ronald T.Y. Moon on his retirement. I know that I am not alone regretting that, due to Hawaii State law, he must retire from service on his 70th birthday this September. He will be missed.

C.J. Moon, as he is affectionately known, has served as Chief Justice of the Hawaii Supreme Court for seventeen years. C.J. Moon also has the distinction of being the first Korean-American to become Chief Justice of any Supreme Court in the United States of America.

As his time on the Hawaii Supreme Court bench comes to a close, it was interesting to learn that it was almost a fluke that C.J. Moon went into the field of law at all. He attended three different high schools in Hawaii and, apparently, took little interest in his studies. This attitude changed during his years at Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. It was there that he met a cousin who was attending law school. Meeting this cousin, combined with Ron's experiences of racial discrimination, piqued his interest in the law.

He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology and Sociology from Coe College. Ron then graduated from the University of Iowa School of Law in 1965 and returned to Honolulu to clerk for United States District Court Judge Martin Pence.

His diligence on the job was evident even then. During his clerkship with Judge Pence, he once climbed into a trash bin outside the federal court building to look for a lost jury verdict form. The search was unsuccessful. He later learned that Judge Pence had another copy of the form in his office the whole time.

In 1966, Ron joined the staff of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu, where he served as a deputy prosecutor until 1968. He left public service to become a partner in the law firm Libkuman, Ventura, Moon, and Ayabe, where he stayed until 1982.

It was from that firm that Hawaii Governor George Ariyoshi appointed Ron Moon to the Hawaii State Judiciary as a Circuit Court Judge. He would serve in that position for eight years, earning the respect of attorneys, including myself, who came before him. He was particularly persuasive in getting plaintiff and defense attorneys to resolve cases fairly before trial.

Governor John Waihee then elevated Ron to the office of Associate Justice of the Hawaii State Supreme Court in 1990. In 1993, he was elevated to the position of Chief Justice.

As his retirement looms near, the people of Hawaii have begun to pay tribute to the incredible service of C.J. Moon. The County of Hawaii recently recognized May 7, 2010, as Chief Justice Ronald T.Y. Moon Day. The Hawaii State Legislature has also recommended that the new Kapolei Court Complex be named after C.J. Moon, who spearheaded the project. The Hawaii Chapter of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association will

celebrate the career of C.J. Moon on June 23, 2010.

C.J. Moon has joked that he is "looking forward to joining [his] fellow retired judges and other judiciary employees at [his] neighborhood McDonald's." It will be a retirement that has been well-earned.

Mahalo nui loa (thank you very much), C.J. Moon, for your many years of admirable stewardship of our system of courts and laws. I would also like to thank C.J. Moon's wife Stella and his family for sharing C.J. with us.

RECOGNIZING THE METRO-EAST  
LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL DANCE  
TEAM

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 17, 2010*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the state champion dance team from Metro-East Lutheran High School in Edwardsville, Illinois.

Just three one-hundredths of a point separated the Dancer Knights from a clean sweep at state. They captured state championship honors in Class A Jazz and Class A Pom Dance, and narrowly missed the title in Lyrical. These were just the latest titles in the distinguished history of the Dancer Knights, who also won state championships in 2005, 2008 and 2009.

I want to join with the other Members of this House in congratulating coaches Kristen Reeb-Wardlaw, Mariah Scott and Stephanie McGovern for their work with this outstanding group of student-athletes. I especially want to congratulate the members of the Dancer Knights on their tremendous achievement: Katelyn Batty, Shanna Rull, Katie Miller, Leah Yurchuck, Haley Santen, Phoenix Helmkamp, Jessica Ross, Sarah Menk, Ashley Paskero, Alyssa Rupprecht, Allison Clessa and Becky Newton.

These young ladies have represented themselves, their school and their community in an exemplary fashion. I wish them continued success in both their academic and athletic endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. DANNY K. DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 17, 2010*

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I was unable to cast votes on the following legislative measures. If I were present for rollcall votes, I would have voted in the following manner:

Roll 347, June 10, 2010: On Agreeing to the Amendment: Waters of California Amendment No. 1 to H.R. 5072, FHA Reform Act of 2010, I would have voted, "aye."

Roll 348, June 10, 2010: On Agreeing to the Amendment: Garrett of New Jersey Amendment no. 5 to H.R. 5072, FHA Reform Act of 2010, I would have voted, "no."

Roll 349, June 10, 2010: On Agreeing to the Amendment: Price of Georgia Amendment no. 7 to H.R. 5072, FHA Reform Act of 2010, I would have voted, "no."

Roll 350, June 10, 2010: On Agreeing to the Amendment: Turner of Ohio Amendment no. 9 to H.R. 5072, FHA Reform Act of 2010, I would have voted, "no."

Roll 351, June 10, 2010: On Agreeing to the Amendment: Edwards of Texas Amendment no. 12 to H.R. 5072, FHA Reform Act of 2010, I would have voted, "no."

Roll 352, June 10, 2010: On Agreeing to the Amendment: Maffei of New York Amendment no. 13 to H.R. 5072, FHA Reform Act of 2010, I would have voted, "aye."

Roll 353, June 10, 2010: On Passage: H.R. 5072, FHA Reform Act of 2010, I would have voted, "aye."

Roll 354, June 10, 2010: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass: S. 3473, To amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to authorize advances from Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund for the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, I would have voted, "aye."

Roll 355, June 14, 2010: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree: H. Res. 1368, Supporting the goals of National Dairy Month, I would have voted, "aye."

Roll 356, June 14, 2010: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree: H. Res. 1409, Expressing support for designation of June 20, 2010, as "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."

Roll 357, June 14, 2010: 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."

Roll 358, June 15, 2010: 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."

Roll 359, June 15, 2010: 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, "aye."

Roll 360, June 15, 2010: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended: H.R. 4855, Work-Life Balance Award Act, I would have voted, "aye."

Roll 365, June 16, 2010: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree: H. Con. Res. 242, Honoring the NAACP on its 101st anniversary, I would have voted, "aye."

Roll 366, June 16, 2010: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree: H. Res. 1422, Honoring the Department of Justice on the occasion of its 140th anniversary, I would have voted, "aye."

Roll 367, June 16, 2010: On Motion to Suspend and Agree, as Amended: H. Res. 1414, Congratulating Urban Prep Charter Academy for Young Men—Englewood Campus, the Nation's first all-male charter high school, for achieving a 100 percent college acceptance rate for all 107 members of its first graduating class of 2010, I would have voted, "aye."

## RECOGNIZING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KOREAN WAR

### HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of the 60th Anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War. The Korean War began on June 25, 1950, when the North invaded the South, and continued till an armistice was signed on July 27, 1953. As we all know, troops remain on the border today.

I have a special fondness for Korean veterans, as my father (Gene Shimkus of Collinsville, Illinois) served in Korea.

One and one-half million United States soldiers answered the call to arms during the war. 54,246 United States soldiers lost their lives while fighting in Korea. 103,284 United States soldiers were wounded; 7,140 were taken prisoner; and 8,177 were listed as missing in action while fighting in Korea. 131 Medals of Honor were received for exceptional bravery and courage by those fighting in Korea with 93 of those being awarded posthumously.

Today, the number of living Korean War veterans continues to decline each year, depriving them the opportunity to accept the appreciation of their service from a grateful nation. I honor those who so bravely fought and made the ultimate sacrifice in Korea. May God bless our Korean War veterans and may God continue to bless America.

## TRIBUTE TO MR. JEFF THEERMAN

### HON. W. TODD AKIN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. AKIN. Madam Speaker, today I wish to congratulate Mr. Jeff Theerman, Executive Director of the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD) on his election as the new President of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies, NACWA.

Mr. Theerman is an accomplished leader and committed environmental steward. He has dedicated his career to the improvement of the environment and public health in Missouri, and throughout the Nation. Without a doubt, he is ideally suited for this national leadership position with NACWA.

Mr. Theerman has served Missouri through his work at MSD for over 25 years. In October of 2003 he was named MSD's Executive Director, willingly and ably accepting accountability for all aspects of the utility's operations.

As MSD's Executive Director, Mr. Theerman leads one of the nation's largest wastewater and stormwater management utilities, providing services to approximately 1.4 million people in the City of St. Louis and St. Louis County. Under his leadership the MSD currently operates seven wastewater treatment facilities, treating an average of 330 million gallons of water per day and maintaining 9,649 miles of sewers.

Since joining others in founding NACWA 40 years ago, the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District has benefitted from its active engagement with the organization. A member of

NACWA's Board of Directors since 2004, Mr. Theerman has served as the organization's Secretary, Treasurer and Vice President. It is fitting that his election as President coincides with the 40th anniversary of NACWA's advocacy on behalf of the nation's clean water agencies—and the environment we all value so much.

When I hear the terms like "accountable" and "responsive," I think of public servants like Mr. Theerman. Under his able leadership NACWA looks forward to proactively and effectively addressing the complex 21st century water quality challenges we face as a nation.

It is my sincere pleasure to congratulate Jeff Theerman on becoming President of NACWA. I am certain his actions will ensure continued water quality progress for St. Louis, Missouri, and the Nation.

## RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF MASTER SERGEANT BUENALFLOR ROBLES, JR. FROM THE HAWAII AIR NATIONAL GUARD

### HON. CHARLES K. DJOU

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. DJOU. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service and achievements of Master Sergeant Buenalflor Robles, Jr. throughout his 28 years in the US Air Force and the Hawaii Air National Guard.

MSgt. Robles enlisted in 1983 and served on Active Duty until 1993, when he joined the Hawaii Air National Guard. For his service in the United States Air Force, MSgt. Robles received Air Force Achievement, Commendation and Meritorious Service Medals. MSgt. Robles served as a Knowledge Operations Management Specialist in the Hawaii Air National Guard, and held numerous supervisory positions in the Air Force. While serving full-time in the Hawaii Air National Guard, MSgt. Robles completed his Bachelor of Business Administration.

As a Captain in the Army National Guard, I understand the demands placed on guardsmen and I commend MSgt. Robles for his dedication to education and honorable service to the United States. I would also like to recognize MSgt. Robles' wife, Cheryl, his son, Andrew, and his daughter, Azia, each of whom supported his work throughout the years. I congratulate MSgt. Robles on his retirement from the Hawaii Air National Guard and thank him for his service to the state of Hawaii.

## HONORING COLONEL J. MOTLEY

### HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Colonel J. Motley, the Grand Worthy Patron of the Prince Hall Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Prince Hall Affiliation, Jurisdiction of Michigan. Mr. Motley is only the third person from the Royal Star Chapter No. 27 to hold this esteemed position