

Dorothy has worked tirelessly to improve reproductive health care for women and men in the United States. Beginning as a family planning outreach worker in California, she went on to play a key role in the development of groundbreaking research paving the way for the Title X Family Planning program we know today.

Arriving in Pennsylvania in the early 1970's, Ms. Mann was instrumental in opening the first federally funded family planning programs in the Commonwealth. A tenacious advocate, Dorothy Mann took her leadership to a national level where she testified before Congress and served on two Institute of Medicine panels about the importance of preventing STIs and the perinatal transmission of HIV. In addition, Ms. Mann is a founding member and former Board President of National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association (NFPRA) and the AIDS Alliance for Children, Youth & Families.

On personal note, I am grateful to be among those with the honor of calling Dorothy Mann a colleague and a friend. We have spent many years working closely together, and I am very proud of our work.

Today we recognize the achievements of Dorothy Mann and her preeminent career in the field of public health. She has done vital work to advance the Title X Family Planning Program and promote the critical link between preventive health care and opportunity for women are the hallmarks of her career.

#### COMMENDING THE HOLLYWOOD WALK OF FAME ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

SPEECH OF

**HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 16, 2010*

Mr. WAXMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my strong support for H. Res 1357, a resolution congratulating the Hollywood Walk of Fame on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

The star-studded sidewalks at Hollywood Boulevard and Vine Street are an iconic symbol of the American entertainment industry. First envisioned by former Hollywood Chamber of Commerce President E.M. Stuart, the Hollywood Walk of Fame today prominently fulfills its mission to maintain "the glory of a community whose name means glamour and excitement in the four corners of the world."

Since its inception in 1960, over 2,000 individuals have been awarded stars on the walk in the categories of motion picture, television, music, radio broadcasting, and theater. Individually, these stars honor the talents and extraordinary achievements of artists as varied as Sidney Poitier, Carol Burnett, Elvis Presley, Gloria Estefan and Bob Hope. Collectively, the Hollywood Walk of Fame celebrates an entertainment industry that is an engine of creativity and ingenuity and an emblem of American culture at home and abroad.

Today, our Nation is proud to honor the Hollywood Walk of Fame, which attracts an estimated 10 million visitors a year, and its development as a lively hub for tourism and a thriving monument. It is most certainly a destination worth visiting and commemorating.

HONORING DR. JAMES "JEFF"  
KIMPEL

**HON. FRANK D. LUCAS**

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 22, 2010*

Mr. LUCAS. Madam Speaker, it is unusual that America has an opportunity to thank an individual citizen for his contributions to protecting lives and property of our citizens, but in the case of Dr. James "Jeff" Kimpel, the Director of NOAA's Severe Storms Laboratory in Norman, Oklahoma, we have just this kind of individual tirelessly dedicated to improving the research and development of weather and meteorology programs. Jeff Kimpel is now retiring on June 18 to spend more time with his 5 children and 2 grandchildren in Norman, Oklahoma.

During his last 13 years of federal service Jeff Kimpel has served the nation by working to improve the lead-time and accuracy of severe weather forecasts and weather warnings in order to save the lives of many Americans and to save property from being destroyed. In the state of Oklahoma, severe weather is a massive problem, and accurate estimates of the true threats from severe weather are especially of interest to not just our state, but to a wide range of users. This includes weather forecasters, the insurance industry, emergency management communities and the general public. Dr. Kimpel has worked with the NSSL and was able to establish strong programs that have helped speed up the construction of the National Weather Center building, which is shared with the National Weather Service (NWS), and the University of Oklahoma Meteorology Program.

Dr. Kimpel has been a pioneer in the field of technology and meteorology. The NSSL has been able to expound on many programs to enhance their technology, all under the watch of Dr. Kimpel. The NSSL has performed research that has led to the upgrade of NEXRADs (NEXt generation weather RADar) from propriety to open systems, which also added super resolution capability and designed dual polarization upgrades.

As a long serving member of the House of Science and Technology Committee, I commend the work of Dr. Jeff Kimpel and recognize his outstanding science related positions including President of the American Meteorological Society, National Science Foundation positions, Department of Energy, and a participant in major decision making policy in the environmental, and meteorological and atmospheric areas for NOAA and other government agencies. Dr. Kimpel was instrumental in establishing support for NSSL that led to the construction of a magnificent national weather center building shared with the National Weather Service and the University of Oklahoma's meteorology program. He is truly one of the world's foremost authorities on severe weather including tornados, thunderstorms, hail, strong winds, heavy rainfall, ice storms, flooding and winter storms who has explored new technologies during his career for using weather information to assist government forecasters and federal, university, and private sector partners.

Today we would like to thank you for your service and dedication, and for all the work

that you have put in. Thank you and best of luck with all your future undertakings.

HONORING SERGEANT DONALD  
LAMAR, USMC

**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 22, 2010*

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember a United States Marine who serves as an example of courage and patriotism to us all. Sergeant Donald J. Lamar II, of the United States Marine Corps, recently gave the last full measure of devotion and sacrifice for our beloved nation while supporting combat operations in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan. Men such as Sergeant Lamar epitomize the core value of selfless service that we all hold so dear in the United States, and especially in the United States Marine Corps.

Sergeant Lamar grew up in Stafford County, Virginia, and graduated from Stafford High School in 2004. There, he was known by his teachers, coaches, and friends as a well-rounded leader who excelled in sports, particularly wrestling and football. After graduation, Sergeant Lamar joined the Marine Corps and was assigned to the First Battalion, Second Marine Regiment, Second Marine Division, of the Second Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Although already among America's elite fighting force as an infantryman, Sergeant Lamar chose to be part of an even more exclusive group—Marine Sniper. He stood out at every opportunity and always gave his utmost.

Sergeant Lamar's awards at the time of his deployment included the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, and Afghanistan Campaign Medal. To add to his list of accolades, he was recently meritoriously promoted to Sergeant, a unique and fitting distinction for a combat-proven leader of Sergeant Lamar's caliber.

A man of character and fortitude, Sergeant Lamar bravely served two combat tours in Iraq. He was most recently serving his third combat tour in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan, where fierce fighting was taking place daily during 2010. Tragically, on May 12th, 2010, Sergeant Lamar exhibited the ultimate sacrifice for his country, family, and friends while engaged in combat operations there. His leadership in the Marine Corps and his local community will not be forgotten.

I extend to Sergeant Lamar's entire family my sincere condolences and deep appreciation for their sacrifices and service to our nation. He is survived by his wife, Stephanie Lamar, and daughter, Madison; his parents, Don and Coleen Lamar; and two younger brothers. The liberties and freedoms we enjoy here in the United States are in place because of brave and courageous men such as Sergeant Lamar who routinely answer the call to duty and place sacrifice above self. We are eternally grateful to him and his family for their service to our nation.

INTRODUCTION OF THE MAKING  
WORK AND MARRIAGE PAY ACT**HON. THOMAS E. PETRI**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 22, 2010*

Mr. PETRI. Madam Speaker, today, I am introducing the Making Work and Marriage Pay Act of 2010. This legislation will establish a bipartisan commission to study the negative impact that high effective marginal rates can have on families as they attempt to improve their circumstances through work or marriage. The National Commission on Effective Marginal Tax Rates for Low-Income Families would provide an important opportunity for removing the disincentives that hold many back, in spite of their personal efforts to get ahead.

Federal and state governments provide financial assistance to low-income families through many means-tested programs and a variety of income tax credits. Each of these benefits is income-based, and as income rises benefits are reduced through phase-outs. These reductions occur at various earnings levels and on differing schedules.

While it is appropriate for benefits to be withdrawn as family income increases, little thought has been given to the combined impact on behavior of these multiple phase-outs. Different programs are created within separate Congressional committees and are implemented by assorted federal and state agencies. No one entity has the authority to consider our vast system as a whole. The Commission established under this Act would be given this task and charged with the responsibility to propose a legislative package to remove the disincentives to work and marriage that these high effective marginal rates impose.

Marginal rates matter. Economists have long contended that high tax rates affect the investment decisions of affluent individuals. People at all income levels, however, respond rationally to economic incentives and disincentives. If we want people to work their way into the middle class, we need to change a system which says that if you're poor and you struggle to earn a higher income, you won't be able to keep enough of it to make it all seem really worthwhile.

I have looked at the impact these marginal rates have on a typical single mother with two children living in Wisconsin. From \$17,000 to \$40,000 in earnings, this single parent would experience combined effective marginal tax rates in excess of 50 percent—averaging 59 percent between \$24,000 and \$41,000. At lower income levels, she even approaches a rate of 100 percent. Putting this into perspective, the U.S. corporate tax rate is 35 percent (one of the highest in the industrialized world). The highest U.S. income tax rate for individuals is also 35 percent.

Thus, for every dollar of new income earned by increased effort or the acquisition of new skills, this single mother finds herself only incrementally ahead and, perhaps, wondering whether her hard work is being justly rewarded. Despite the good intentions, these programs, in effect, offer no incentive to get ahead. Rather, the incentives are backwards and low-income workers often are encouraged to stay where they are.

The same dynamic can also affect an individual's decision whether to marry. Experts

from across the political divide agree that marriage is good. Government policy, however, as enacted in this assortment of programs and phase-outs actually discourages marriage among low-income couples.

Varying benefit levels across the fifty states produce different results, but in Wisconsin, for a married couple with two children, the marriage penalty starts rising from about zero at \$19,000 of combined income to \$7,000 in after-tax income at \$28,000 of combined earnings, which is what you get if two people earn minimum wage. At \$42,000, the cost of being married reaches \$8,154. That's a high price for a marriage license.

This penalty results from the high effective marginal tax rates produced by taxes and the phaseout of various benefit programs. As income rises, taxes go up and benefits go down. The couple that has combined their lives and their income sees a steeper loss of income than does the comparable couple that has remained unmarried. If marriage is a recognized good for both society and the individual couples, then government policy should not stand in the way of people choosing to marry.

It's time that Congress rationalizes this web of programs to ensure that hard work brings rewards by removing the punishingly high effective marginal tax rates faced by low-income individuals and families.

This is why I am introducing the Making Work and Marriage Pay Act.

My bill would authorize a Commission made up of Cabinet Secretaries, Governors, and recognized policy experts to recommend solutions for the problems posed by these high effective marginal tax rates. The Commission would be constructed to achieve partisan balance, input from states offering a varying level of income support, and expert participation from government and private sector experts.

The Commission would be charged with seeking a solution along certain policy lines, but would have full authority to offer additional policy recommendations. The Commission's recommendations would be in the form of a legislative blueprint to ease consideration of its comprehensive solution by the wide range of Congressional committees.

For too long, Congress has neglected to clean up the mess of uncoordinated federal benefit programs. The Making Work and Marriage Pay Act is the first step toward a benefit structure that rewards work and effort and reflects our shared belief that marriage is the basis of stable communities. I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation.

## HONORING TIMBERLY DINGLAS

**HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 22, 2010*

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Timberly Dinglas, the Award of Achievement Winner for the 4th Congressional District's high school art competition, "An Artistic Discovery." An Artistic Discovery recognizes and encourages the artistic talent in the nation, as well as in each congressional district. The Congressional Art Competition began in 1982 to provide an opportunity for Members of Congress to encour-

age and recognize the artistic talents of their young constituents. Since then, over 650,000 high school students have been involved with the nationwide competition.

Timberly Dinglas, a resident of the 4th Congressional District, is currently a junior at Valley Stream South High School in Valley Stream, New York. Ms. Dinglas offered her piece called "The Black Eye", which was a colored pencil portrait of a young man with a black eye. Timberly's eye for color and blending skills are evident in this piece and are certainly a testament to her achievement.

The contest in the 4th Congressional District continues to flourish and I owe it to all of the talented students like Timberly from our high schools that submitted their art to be displayed in this distinguished contest. It is essential for art programs and curricula to remain in our schools and communities. I believe that having a forum for our young people to express themselves in a creative way is extraordinarily important and I will continue to work in Congress to ensure that the arts are preserved.

The future of this country depends on the hopes and dreams of its children. Our community, and our nation, are enhanced by the contributions of students like Timberly Dinglas. Additionally, I would like to recognize the work of the teachers and administrators at Valley Stream South High School who dedicate their lives to their students. The staff is the backbone of the students' success and I thank them for all that they do on a daily basis.

Madam Speaker, it is with pride and admiration I offer my thanks and recognition to Timberly Dinglas.

CONGRATULATING THE CLEMENTS  
RANGERS**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 22, 2010*

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Clements Rangers Baseball team on an outstanding season. They were the Region 3 Champions which qualified them for 5A Texas finals.

I congratulate their coach, Israel De Los Santos, for his steering the team to this successful season. The Rangers made their community and school very proud through their play. I wish their seniors Brian Heathcoat, Dillon Huff, Ryan Berger, Kenny Hutchison, Tyler Kruse, Andrew Riddle, Matthew Sugar, Scott Ballard, John Stanford, and Mike Garcia the best of luck in all their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF  
RICHARD BURTON**HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 22, 2010*

Mr. BILBRAY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Richard Allyn Burton and the contributions he has made to our nation. Mr. Burton, born to Clarence and Fern Burton in Pleasant Hill, Missouri, is a shining example for future generations to follow.

Mr. Burton came to California during the Great Depression with his four brothers and