

Army the world has ever seen and I am grateful for his service.

TRIBUTE TO CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROLMAN THOMAS PHILIP COLEMAN

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. BACA. Madam Speaker, I stand here today to honor and remember a loving father and husband, son, brother, respected serviceman and dedicated officer, Mr. Thomas Philip Coleman.

Officer Coleman of Fontana, California, was killed on duty June 11, 2010, while pursuing a stolen vehicle on motorcycle, in Redlands, California. He was 33 years old.

He leaves behind a wife, Jamie Jean, a 2-year-old son, Ryan, and an 11-month old daughter, Shaylen. Born on October 6, 1976 in West Covina, California to Robert Francis Coleman and Janice Womack, he was the third of five children including his brother Joseph Coleman, and sisters, Jennifer Coleman Chagas, Kathleen Poole, and Mary Coleman Heinen.

Graduating Damien High School in La Verne, in 1994, he entered the United States Marine Corps. While enlisted, Tom served as a Land Support Specialist and a Marine Embassy Security Guard in Rome and Romania. After five years of meritorious service, he was honorably discharged at the rank of sergeant.

Officer Coleman served with the California Highway Patrol (CHP) for seven years. He was assigned to the San Bernardino Area of the Inland Division in March 2008, where he became a CHP Motorcycle Officer.

Tom was an exemplary family man and father who enjoyed spending time with his kids. He enjoyed fulfilling his aspiration of becoming a California Highway Patrol Motorcycle Officer. His hobbies included riding, hiking, and following the NFL.

His passion, dedication to his job and strong, bear hugs which he gave at each greeting will be greatly missed, along with the way he quoted movies, making everyone laugh.

Tom's mischievous sense of humor, smile and twinkling eyes will be missed by all who knew him. Let us take the time to pay tribute to Tom and celebrate the life and the example he lived.

Although he is no longer with us, his unforgettable spirit will continue to live on through the lives of everyone he touched.

The thoughts and prayers of my wife Barbara, my family and I are with his family at this time.

Madam Speaker, let us pay our respects to Officer Thomas Philip Coleman. He will always have a place in our memories and hearts as we remember the selfless genuine devotion he gave to his family, country, the California Highway Patrol, and community.

HONORING RON GETTELFINGER FOR HIS LEADERSHIP OF THE UAW

SPEECH OF

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and thank the outgoing President of the United Auto Workers Union, Mr. Ron Gettelfinger. Mr. Gettelfinger has admirably represented the nearly 1 million active and retired members of the UAW. Under Ron's leadership, the Union has continued its fight for improved health care benefits and the enforcement of fair trade provisions on human rights, and fair labor standards.

Ron and I share a lot in common. We both were voted into current office in 2002, we both have been fortunate enough to be reelected by our constituents, and we both understand the substantial value of our Nation's auto workers. My district in Northeastern Ohio is home to UAW Local 1112 and Local 1714. These UAW locals represent over 7,500 active and 4,000 retired GM Lordstown Assembly Plant employees. The men and women of the Lordstown plant have manufactured the Chevrolet Cavalier, the Pontiac Sunfire, the Chevrolet Cobalt, and will soon begin production on the new Chevrolet Cruze. These workers represent the best of American production, manufacturing, and ingenuity.

At a time of unprecedented catastrophe for America's automotive industry, Ron Gettelfinger provided much needed leadership. On behalf of the United Autoworkers in my district and those in my district whose livelihoods depend on UAW jobs, I thank Mr. Gettelfinger for his years of service and leadership and wish him well in retirement.

NICK ANDERSON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Nick Anderson who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Nick Anderson is a 12th grader at Arvada School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Nick Anderson is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Nick Anderson for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

CALLING CARD CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 3993, the Calling Card Consumer Protection Act. I congratulate my colleague Mr. ENGEL for introducing it.

Today, more than 276 million American households—89 percent of the U.S. population—have cell phones. But prepaid calling cards remain a huge industry—worth \$4 billion in 2007.

They are particularly popular among college students, as well as military personnel and immigrant communities—people who frequently make international calls.

My district is one of the most diverse and international in the Nation. Almost one-third, 31.6 percent, of my constituents are foreign-born, first-generation American residents. So calling cards are very important for them.

Unfortunately, the calling card industry is full of deceptive advertising and hidden fees. A card may say it is worth 250 minutes, but you may get 200 or 100 once you actually use it. Too often, calling cards have no information listed about connection fees, varying rates-per-minute, fees charged each week that you do not use the card, or even fees for just hanging up. When those fees aren't fully disclosed to consumers, we have a serious problem.

Earlier this year, in the wake of the devastating earthquake in Haiti, I heard from many of my Haitian constituents who were using calling cards to try to reach their loved ones. Because of the high fees placed on the cards and the lack of clarity about fees and terms, they were going through dozens of cards without ever having a call connected.

At the time, I sent letters to a number of calling card companies. I encouraged them to reach out to their local Haitian communities and to give refunds or issue free cards to customers who bought their cards and had the time run out before the call connected.

Mr. ENGEL's bill would ensure that fees, rates, expiration dates or limitations of calling cards are clearly and fully disclosed to consumers. This is an important consumer protection bill and I encourage all of my colleagues to support it.

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE WOOTON

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the late George Wooton of Hyden, Kentucky who was a lifetime public servant for his hometown, advocating for progress with every breath, even at the age of 94.

In a television interview on the night before he passed on, George declared he wanted to be remembered as the number one farmer in Kentucky. While he received many state awards for the production of shell corn with irrigated water on his farm, the people of Leslie

County and Eastern Kentucky will remember him for much more. George was a veteran of World War II, having served honorably in the United States Army. His legacy is even more firmly grounded in his public service and tireless efforts for progress in one of the most rural, distressed county's in our Nation.

The people of Leslie County elected George Wooton as Sheriff for one term and County Judge Executive for three terms. George attended every event, large or small because he believed in supporting his community and their interests. In every crowd, there was no mistaking George's presence. He was the type of man who greeted everyone and gladly spoke up for anyone not bold enough to share their concerns. He will be remembered for his compassion, his tenacity and boisterous personality.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring George Wooton for dedicating a lifetime of service to the families of Eastern Kentucky, our Commonwealth and our great Nation.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF RETAIL OPERATIONS AT ECKERT'S FAMILY FARMS

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 100th Anniversary of retail operations at Eckert's Family Farms in Belleville, Illinois.

The Eckert family has been involved in farming since their ancestor, Johann Peter Eckert, came to this country from Germany in the 1830's. The first fruit trees, for which the family has become renowned in southwestern Illinois and surrounding areas, were planted near Fayetteville, Illinois, almost 150 years ago. Alvin O. Eckert opened a roadside produce stand on what was known as Turkey Hill, near Belleville, Illinois, in 1910. Thus was born a tradition that has grown and prospered for 100 years.

Currently, sixth and seventh generation Eckert family members oversee an operation that includes multiple orchards, a newly expanding country store and restaurant, garden center and wholesale operations. Generations of area families have built memories and savored the produce at Eckert's pick-your-own orchards, which are the largest family-owned and operated pick-your-own orchards in the United States.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 100th Anniversary of retail operations at Eckert's family farms and to wish the Eckert family and all of their employees the very best for many years to come.

HONORING THE CLUB HOUSE AT LAKE HOPATCONG YACHT CLUB

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Club House at Lake

Hopatcong Yacht Club, located in Morris County, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 100th Anniversary.

Recognized on both the National and New Jersey State Register of Historic Places, this building is the single most important surviving link to Lake Hopatcong's past grandeur as a major northeast resort. Built during the golden years of the lake's resort period, it is a tribute to an era when the lake hosted grand hotels, magnificent summer "cottages," two amusement parks and some of the most famous Americans of the day.

Appearing nearly unchanged from its construction in 1910, the Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club's Club House is a structure almost frozen in time, bearing witness to a near forgotten period in northwestern New Jersey's history. Its stately charm recounts long forgotten days when thousands made the trek to what is known as the "jewel of the mountains." The club house has endured prosperity and depression, peace and war, seen popular music move through ragtime, jazz, swing, and rock-and-roll, and witnessed the country go from the first automobile to the moon. From an origin of catboats, Fay and Bowen's and Model T's, the Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club has left behind a legacy of sailors, sportsmen and friends.

While Lake Hopatcong continues today as a wonderful recreation source with numerous marinas and waterfront restaurants, the Club House of the Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club, provides members with a lasting glimpse into the lake's great history.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Club House of the Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club as it celebrates its centennial.

OLGA SLYUSAR

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Olga Slyusar who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Olga Slyusar is a 12th grader at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Olga Slyusar is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Olga Slyusar for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

HONORING RON GETTELFINGER FOR HIS LEADERSHIP OF THE UAW

SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ron Gettelfinger today upon his retirement from the United Auto Workers or UAW. Ron devoted his long and distinguished career to helping his colleagues and the American people achieve the American dream; and as he leaves the working world, it is my great pleasure to honor his professional efforts and accomplishments.

Growing up with 11 brothers and sisters in Frenchtown, Indiana, Ron got some early lessons in negotiating with others. After graduating high school in 1962, he moved to Louisville, Kentucky and in 1964 was hired as a chassis line repairman at the Louisville Assembly Plant of Ford Motor Company.

In one of his earliest jobs Ron so impressed those around him that the workers in the plant elected him to represent them as committeeperson, bargaining chairperson and president. Ron excelled in these positions and also functioned as a delegate to the National Ford Council and Sub-Council # 2.

After twenty years of work in the auto industry, Ron was elected president of local union 862. In 1987, he became a member of the Ford-UAW bargaining committee. When he was asked by Car and Driver magazine about what prompted this move into the union arena, he simply responded "I just thought I should apply my education to helping the workers."

Ron moved on to other union positions, including director of United Auto Workers Region 3, which represents United Auto Workers' members in Indiana and Kentucky. After six years in this role, he was elected UAW vice president in 1998.

As Vice President, Ron was director of the UAW Aerospace Department and the UAW Ford Department, where he led negotiations in 1999 that focused on "Bargaining for Families." In 2002, he was elected president of the UAW and was re-elected in 2006. On March 19, 2009, Ron announced his intent to retire at the end of his term.

During his tenure at the helm of the UAW, Ron has been an outspoken advocate for national single-payer health care in the United States. Under his leadership, the UAW has lobbied for fair trade agreements that include provisions for workers' rights and environmental provisions. With the help of these efforts, Congress enacted legislation to reform health, expand the children health insurance program (S-CHIP), the economic stimulus package, auto restructuring, the Lilly Ledbetter equal pay legislation, as well as a minimum wage increase.

During his presidency the UAW successfully lobbied for the enactment of compromise CAFE legislation in 2007, which included the Section 136 program to provide funds to encourage investment in domestic production of advanced technology vehicles and their key components. With Ron's help Congress was also able to facilitate agreement on a national standard for regulating greenhouse gas emissions and fuel economy for light, medium and