

GRANTING SUBPOENA POWER TO  
COMMISSION INVESTIGATING BP  
DEEPWATER OIL SPILL

SPEECH OF

**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 23, 2010*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of today's legislation to give the President's bipartisan Oil Spill Commission the subpoena power it needs to get to the bottom of why the Deepwater Horizon disaster happened and what steps are needed to make sure it never happens again.

For the Commission to complete its work in a timely and effective manner, it must have unfettered access to any witness, record or piece of evidence necessary to shed light on the catastrophe unfolding in the Gulf. Once we understand exactly what happened and why, we can hold the responsible parties fully accountable and take comprehensive corrective action.

Since the Deepwater Horizon sank on April 22, 2010, Congress has held its own oversight hearings on the crisis and enacted legislation enabling the Coast Guard to obtain advances from the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund in order to finance the ongoing mitigation efforts. Additionally, the House has passed legislation to strengthen the solvency of the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund so that taxpayers will not have to foot the bill for the Deepwater Horizon clean up.

Madam Speaker, this is necessary legislation. It has ample precedent in previous national crises. I urge its immediate passage.

IN MEMORY OF DONNA JEVENIS

**HON. ELTON GALLEGLY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2010*

Mr. GALLEGLY. Madam Speaker, I rise in memory Donna Jevens, a close friend of mine and my wife, Janice, and anyone who ever knew her or worked with her.

Donna was a vivacious woman who was the center of all that was positive. She worked with me for nearly 7 years in my Ventura County office, retiring to Surprise, Arizona, with her husband and high school sweetheart, Jim, in 2000. Donna was one of my case workers, handling every problem with efficiency and great empathy for the people whose problems she helped to solve. My staff do not consider themselves coworkers; they are family and Donna was an integral member of our family.

She also worked for another member of this chamber, Representative TOM MCCLINTOCK, when TOM was a State representative. TOM and I both remember an unflappable personality with an ever-present smile. Her very presence brightened a room.

Just before she died earlier this month, Janice and I traveled with my district director Paula Sheil to Arizona to visit Donna and Jim. Though near death, Donna was still upbeat and positive. She was a remarkable woman and will be remembered dearly.

Prior to her work with Representative MCCLINTOCK and me, Donna was an elemen-

tary school teacher. Donna was a proud member of the Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority at the University of Wisconsin, from which she graduated in 1961. She was also a longtime member of P.E.O., Camarillo Chapter UM, in California.

During their retirement, Donna and Jim traveled the world and often visited their children and grandchildren.

Aside from Jim, her husband of nearly 50 years, Donna is survived by her son, Rob, in Chicago; and son, Tom, daughter-in-law Heather, and granddaughters Emily and Allison, in San Jose, California.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in sending our condolences to Donna's family and in remembering a remarkable public servant, mom, grandmother, wife and friend whose spirit will live within us forever.

Godspeed, Donna.

SAMANTHA HERBERT

**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 Samantha Herbert who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Samantha Herbert is a 7th grader at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Samantha Herbert 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 Samantha Herbert for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

HONORING RON GETTELFINGER  
FOR HIS LEADERSHIP OF THE  
UAW

SPEECH OF

**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 23, 2010*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleague JOHN DINGELL today to recognize the career of Ron Gettelfinger as president of the United Auto Workers. Ron joined the union in 1964 when he was working at the Ford Motor Company's Louisville assembly plant in Kentucky and soon took on a leadership role there. He later became a member of the Ford-UAW bargaining committee and director of UAW Region 3. In 1998, he was elected UAW vice president and in 2002 he became president.

Ron has been a strong advocate for his brothers and sisters—fighting for health care benefits, defending American manufacturing, and supporting labor protections in trade

agreements. He guided the UAW through some of the most challenging times for the U.S. auto industry, making tough decisions to save jobs and keep the plants running. His focus has always been on Main Street—on a fair deal for American workers.

I congratulate Ron on his service and wish him all the best in retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2010*

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I missed the following recorded votes on the House floor the legislative week of Monday, June 14, 2010.

For Monday, June 14, 2010, had I been present I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 355 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1368), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 356 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1409), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 357 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 5502).

For Tuesday, June 15, 2010, had I been present I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 358 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1383), "no" on rollcall vote No. 359 (on agreeing to H. Res. 1436, which provides for consideration of H.R. 5486), "no" on rollcall vote No. 360 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 4855), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 361 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1389), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 362 (on motion to recommit H.R. 5486), "no" on rollcall vote No. 363 (on passage of H.R. 5486), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 364 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1322).

For Wednesday, June 16, 2010, had I been present I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 365 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Con. Res. 242), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 366 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1422), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 367 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1414).

For Thursday, June 17, 2010, had I been present I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 368 (on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 1448), "no" on rollcall vote No. 369 (on agreeing to H. Res. 1448, which provides for consideration of H.R. 5297), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 370 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1429), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 371 (on agreeing to the Israel amendment to H.R. 5297), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 372 (on agreeing to the Cao amendment to H.R. 5297), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 373 (on agreeing to the Miller (NC) amendment to H.R. 5297), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 374 (on motion to recommit H.R. 5297), "no" on rollcall vote No. 375 (on passage of H.R. 5297).

SARAH ELLIS

**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 Sarah Ellis

who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Sarah Ellis is a 12th grader at Ralston Valley High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Sarah Ellis 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 Sarah Ellis for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

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HONORING RON GETTELFINGER  
FOR HIS LEADERSHIP OF THE  
UAW

SPEECH OF

**HON. BART STUPAK**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 23, 2010*

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues today to honor the career and dedicated service of Ron Gettelfinger, who recently retired from his post as president of the United Auto Workers (UAW).

Mr. Gettelfinger was elected to lead UAW in 2002 after many years in national and local roles in the union.

During his tenure as president, he led UAW through the greatest economic crisis since the Great Depression; through the restructuring of General Motors and Chrysler; and through multiple negotiations and bargaining agreements.

The past two years were a challenging time for the domestic auto industry, and especially for autoworkers. As two of Detroit's "Big 3" automakers entered bankruptcy, Mr. Gettelfinger fought to ensure the millions of UAW workers and retirees received the best deal possible under excruciatingly difficult circumstances.

During his tenure, Mr. Gettelfinger was a steadfast supporter of workers' rights. He has been a tireless advocate for workers on key policy issues, such as trade and health care.

Ron Gettelfinger has been a strong advocate of renewing America's industrial base, especially the manufacturing sector, because he recognizes that good-paying manufacturing jobs are critical to a strong middle class, and a strong middle class is key to a healthy economy.

American workers need more leaders committed to the future of our domestic manufacturing base. Mr. Gettelfinger, thank you for your work on behalf of UAW and the American worker. I am pleased to join my colleagues in honoring your commitment to workers in Michigan and throughout the country. On behalf of UAW workers and retirees everywhere, I wish you well in retirement and all future endeavors.

COMMENDING LOWE'S CHARITABLE AND EDUCATION FOUNDATION'S DONATION TO WELDON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2010*

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Lowe's Charitable and Education Foundation on their recent \$100,000 donation to Weldon Elementary School in Weldon, North Carolina. This much needed funding will be used to renovate facilities, make technology upgrades and improve security.

Lowe's was founded in 1946 in North Wilkesboro, North Carolina. The company now operates stores in all 50 states, Canada, and Mexico and serves over 14 million customers per week. Lowe's operates a distribution center in Garysburg, North Carolina, a small town of just over 1,200 residents, located in my Congressional District. Over 750 people are employed at the distribution center and more than 1,500 people are employed at Lowe's six home improvement stores located in my District. Many of them have friends or family that have attended Weldon Elementary School and understand the potential impact of Lowe's gracious donation.

Donating funds to needy school districts across the country is nothing new for Lowe's. Founded in 1957, Lowe's Charitable and Education Foundation is dedicated to improving the communities they serve through support of public education and community improvement projects. The Foundation donates millions of dollars annually to public schools, community organizations, and individual students.

Madam Speaker, I am encouraged by Lowe's strong involvement in communities across the country. I hope that other businesses will follow Lowe's example and work to build public-private partnerships that yield tremendous benefits for communities across the country.

I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Lowe's for their recent donation to Weldon Elementary School and to the many other worthwhile projects they support across the country.

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CALLING FOR RELEASE OF  
ISRAELI SOLDIER BY HAMAS

SPEECH OF

**HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 23, 2010*

Mr. WAXMAN. Madam Speaker, this week the world marks 4 years since the kidnapping of Corporal Gilad Shalit, an Israeli soldier abducted from his post at Israel's Kerem Shalom border crossing with Gaza. Two Israeli soldiers were also killed in the attack.

Today, more than 1,400 days later, Gilad remains a hostage. Hamas has rejected all official requests from the International Red Cross to visit him. All it has provided is a propagandist video featuring Corporal Shalit in an address to his family. While that video was met with relief that he is still alive, it only compounded despair over the captivity of a young

man who should be celebrating the most vibrant years of his life.

Tragically, Gilad Shalit was not the first soldier kidnapped by Hamas. In 1994, Hamas terrorists in the West Bank kidnapped Nachson Wachsmann, a dual U.S. and Israeli citizen who was tortured before he was murdered by his captors during a failed attempt at his rescue.

Gilad Shalit may not be an American citizen, but he is a native son of a close strategic ally and a fellow democracy. His situation brings anguish to us all. As we consider H. Res. 1359, a resolution urging Gilad's release, let us pledge to redouble our efforts to bring about his safe return.

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SARAH ROSE

**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 Sarah Rose who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Sarah Rose is an 8th grader at Arvada Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Sarah Rose 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 Sarah Rose for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

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HONORING U.S. AIR FORCE MAJOR  
GENERAL DOUGLAS BURNETT

**HON. ANDER CRENSHAW**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2010*

Mr. CRENSHAW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor U.S. Air Force Major General Douglas Burnett, the Adjunct General of Florida, for 47 years of distinguished service to his country and the state of Florida. Major General Burnett exemplifies the values of a committed military officer.

General Burnett began his career with the Florida National Guard in 1963 as an electronics specialist. For the next six years, he was an aircraft radio repairman with the 125th Fighter Group stationed in his hometown of Jacksonville, Florida. It was during this time that he decided he wanted to be a fighter pilot.

Following his graduation from the University of Mississippi and his commissioning as an Air Force officer, Second Lieutenant Burnett became a full-time alert pilot with the 125th, flying the F-102 Delta Dagger. He also flew commercially for Pan American World Airways and United Airlines. He remained an active member of the Guard and over the years