

IN RECOGNITION OF RANN AND
NANCY CARPENTER

HON. DAVID P. ROE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to a very special occasion today—the 43rd wedding anniversary of John Randolph Carpenter and Nancy Anderson Carpenter.

John Randolph Carpenter was born on April, 11, 1945 in Shelby, North Carolina. His wife, Nancy Anderson Carpenter was born on December 27, 1946 in Charlotte, North Carolina. The couple began dating when they attended Meyers Park High School and were eventually married on June 24, 1967 at Meyers Park Methodist Church in Charlotte.

As native North Carolinians, they have lived in Rutherfordton, Greenville, Washington, eventually settling in the Tar Heel state capitol of Raleigh. Together they have raised two daughters, Ragan Kathryn of Los Angeles, California & Mary Randolph of Washington, DC.

Rann enjoyed a successful career with Texasgulf, PCS Phosphate, and the North Carolina Pork Council. Nancy, a loving mother & homemaker actively enjoys working with charitable church & volunteer organizations in Raleigh.

I salute this lovely couple on the 43rd year of their life together and join their family in honoring them on this special occasion. It is a true pleasure to recognize their commitment to one another, their children, and ultimately, our Nation.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL HOMEOWNERSHIP MONTH

SPEECH OF

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my support and recognition of National Homeownership Month and the importance of owning a home. Homeownership is a signifying mark of hard work and informed decisionmaking. Therefore it is in the interest of us all to ensure that our decisions about homeownership are informed.

During National Homeownership Month, there is an emphasis placed on the importance of providing first time home buyers and those who have acquired home information that is imperative to them making informed decisions. In light of the current economic recession, it is crucial that information of this nature is provided to the people in an effort to revive the economy.

The recognition of National Homeownership Month is especially important as it pertains to my constituents. In the 7th Congressional District of Illinois, the community of North Lawndale has real estate values estimated at six figures, the median income of the people that live there is estimated to be five figures, and there have been over 200 foreclosures as of June 16, 2010. I firmly believe that the foreclosure of those homes could have been pre-

vented had the constituents been informed and privy to the information necessary to make the best decision for themselves and their families.

It is also important to recognize the importance of owning a home given the social and familial ties that are associated with and can be cultivated by homeownership. Homeownership is essential to building the foundations of longstanding social networks. It is imperative that there is stability in the society for the purpose of cultivating and expanding the social networks we develop into meaningful relationships aimed at making substantial change through these relationships.

MARTIN NEVELS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Martin Nevels. Martin is a very special young man who has proven the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by being selected to the People to People World Leadership Forum.

Since People to People International was founded by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956, the organization has been a leader in provide educational world tours. Acceptance into the World Leadership Forum demonstrates Martin's academic excellence, community involvement, and leadership potential. This forum will help further provide Martin the tools to become a leader for the next generation.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Martin Nevels for his acceptance into the People to People World Leadership Forum and for his efforts put forth in achieving this high distinction.

CALLING FOR RELEASE OF ISRAELI SOLDIER BY HAMAS

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the fourth anniversary of the kidnapping of Israeli Staff Sergeant Gilad Shalit and call for his immediate and safe return to Israel.

Four years ago, Hamas militants attacked an Israeli outpost near the border between Israel and Gaza. Two soldiers, Staff Sergeant Pavel Slutzker and Lieutenant Hanan Barak, were killed and Staff Sergeant Gilad Shalit was kidnapped. Less than a month later, two other Israeli soldiers, Sergeant Major Ehud Goldwasser and Sergeant First Class Eldad Regev were captured and killed by Hezbollah. On July 16, 2008, their bodies were returned in exchange for over 200 prisoners demonstrating Israel's special concern for the redemption of their captured soldiers—going so far as trading live and dangerous terrorists for the remains of their fallen heroes.

Hamas continues to inhumanely hold Staff Sergeant Shalit for ransom and has denied

him basic medical needs. Since his capture, Gilad Shalit has been deprived of every basic right: visits by the International Committee of the Red Cross, the ability to send and receive letters to his family, and protection from being used involuntarily for propaganda footage. The captivity of Shalit is unacceptable and in clear violation of the laws of the Geneva Convention. I urge Congress to reaffirm Israel's right to defend itself and that the path to peace in the region lies in the recognition of Israel's right to exist, the dismantling of Hamas' terrorist infrastructure, and the release of Gilad Shalit.

As we continue working to secure Staff Sergeant Shalit's safe return, we also keep Corporal Shalit's parents, Aviva and Noam, his older brother Yoel, and his younger sister Hadas in our thoughts.

IN HONOR OF THE LATE WASCO
TRIBAL CHIEF NELSON
WALLULATUM

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. WALDEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the great Oregon tribal leader, Chief Nelson Wallulatum of the Wasco Tribe, who passed away on Sunday, June 13, 2010. He was laid to rest in a traditional Wasco ceremony at 4:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 15, before the Sun rose that day. He had led his people, and served on the Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, for more than 50 years. Chief Wallulatum was 84 years old.

Nelson Wallulatum became chief of the Wasco Tribe in 1959. Historically, the Wascos are a tribe of the Columbia River, particularly in the Gorge area, and in modern times they are one of the three tribes of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon. Pursuant to the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs constitution, as chief of one of the three tribes, in 1959 he also became a lifetime tribal council member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, a duty he fulfilled with enthusiasm, dignity and intelligence.

As the Wasco chief and a tribal council member, he was steadily and deeply involved in the governance of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs during a period of great history and change in Indian affairs. He was an unparalleled expert in the Warm Springs constitution and the 1855 Tribes of Middle Oregon Treaty with the United States, and fought to preserve and strengthen the sovereign authority of the Warm Springs Tribes across a time that moved from federal policies of Indian termination to today's well-established self-determination and tribal-federal mutual government-to-government relations. As you might imagine, Chief Wallulatum's leadership tasks brought him on many occasions to Washington, DC, to address both the administration and the Congress on the issues of his people and all Indian people. Over the many years, he was well known and respected by members of Oregon's congressional delegation, as well as by congressional leaders in national Indian issues and policy, before whom he often testified.

Chief Wallulatum was instrumental in the return of 60,000 acres to the Warm Springs Reservation, securing and developing treaty-protected fishing access sites along the Columbia River to replace those inundated by hydroelectric reservoirs, and the settlement and safeguarding of the Confederated Warm Springs Tribes' water rights.

In addition to being a guiding hand in the governance of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, as chief of the Wasco Tribe, Nelson Wallulatum was a principal keeper of the history, culture and traditions of the Wasco people. His authority in these matters was sought by Congress, and was recognized by tribes and their organizations, at whose gatherings he frequently conducted prayers and blessings.

Finally, it must be noted that, throughout conducting the affairs of his nation and his people, Chief Wallulatum did so with good humor, wisdom, and kindness. He was a gentleman of strength and dignity, and a historic leader for the Wasco people and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. He will be missed.

Madam Speaker, I want to thank you and our colleagues for joining me in tribute to Chief Wallulatum.

GRANTING SUBPOENA POWER TO COMMISSION INVESTIGATING BP DEEPWATER OIL SPILL

SPEECH OF

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, I oppose H.R. 5481, which gives subpoena power to the National Commission on the British Petroleum Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling. This is an overly broad grant of power to a presidential commission. This commission was created by Executive Order without any input from Congress and appears designed to perform oversight and policy functions that should be performed by Congress. Furthermore, this commission may be used to promote the anti-freedom and economically destructive "cap-and-trade" legislation, as well as provide justification for the administration's policies of restricting offshore drilling.

Instead of ratifying the Executive Branch's continued use of the deepwater disaster as an excuse to usurp more power, Congress should ensure that the Executive Branch actions do not allow British Petroleum to escape accountability for the damages caused by the spill and that any necessary policy changes are made by Congress.

CELEBRATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF BETH JACOB CONGREGATION

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the members of Beth Jacob Congregation, a Jewish congregation in Mendota

Heights, Minnesota, who will celebrate the 25th anniversary of their faith community on June 27th.

Beth Jacob was formed in 1985 when two Twin Cities synagogues, Sons of Jacob and New Conservative Congregation, merged. Founded as an orthodox synagogue in the early 1870s, Sons of Jacob was one of the oldest Jewish congregations in the Twin Cities, while New Conservative Congregation was one of the area's youngest congregations. Seemingly very different faith communities, the members of the two synagogues found that they possessed similar values and needs. The new faith community they formed adopted the name Beth Jacob Congregation. In 1986, the congregation selected Rabbi Morris J. Allen as its religious and educational leader, and in 1987 they broke ground to build their synagogue. Since then, Beth Jacob has steadily grown in size and influence thanks to the dedication and leadership of Rabbi Allen and the involvement and commitment of its members.

Beth Jacob is not simply a synagogue or a place of worship—it is a community. Its members are engaged in studying their faith and participating in Shabbat service. Additionally, members are active participants in their neighborhoods and cities. Beth Jacob is well known for its involvement in our community through interfaith dialogue programs, food shelf donations, assistance to immigrant workers, affordable housing initiatives, and disaster relief efforts. Its contributions to the Jewish community as well as the Twin Cities at large are unparalleled, and I am proud to say that such an active and dedicated Jewish Congregation is located in the Fourth Congressional District of Minnesota.

Madam Speaker, please join me in rising to honor the 25th anniversary of Beth Jacob Congregation, a faith community rich with tradition that is committed to serving the needs of its members and giving back to our community.

SUPPORTING HIGH-PERFORMANCE BUILDING WEEK

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, the High-Performance Building Congressional Caucus Coalition has designated June 13–19 as "High-Performance Building Week." During this week, we are recognizing the importance of energy efficient building design, with the goal of driving our country toward a more sustainable future.

Buildings throughout our nation are responsible for over 39 percent of our annual carbon emissions, and for 12 percent of the potable water consumption as well as over 70 percent of the electricity use in the United States. The dramatic energy consumption of our buildings is damaging in the long run, and it is imperative that we make energy efficiency part and parcel of the building and operations of our places of work and shelter.

As a Californian, I recognize the importance of sound energy policy and environmental protection. California stands as a leader in these fields, having a range of accomplishments re-

lated to our environment and energy independence. The city of San Jose has already begun the process of retrofitting and meeting green building standards with its Green Vision program. Universities throughout the state have installed solar systems to power their electricity needs. Students from high schools and universities in my district have formed recycling initiatives, built solar cars and houses for competitions, and held eco-friendly fundraising fashion shows; each of these steps may seem small but is a critical part of a bigger national stride.

The efforts of Californians are echoed by many in the House of Representatives. I was privileged to be a part of establishing the Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition in order to deal with problems including that of the built environment. We feel it is essential that the House gives priority to consideration of energy and environmental issues, and applaud resolutions like H. Res. 1407, supporting the ideals of "High-Performance Building Week," which focuses attention on all aspects of high-performance buildings, including the role they play in reducing impact of humans on our climate.

In addition to creating more energy-efficient buildings, we also need to address the efficiency of the electronics inside our homes. Our household electronics consume a massive amount of energy—the power to run them cost Americans \$80 billion last year, but that is a small number compared to the projected \$200 billion in electricity they will consume by 2030 unless something changes. We need to consider the potential for integrated smart electronics that will both heal the energy wounds we have created as well as provide a cost-effective solution for consumers. In April, I introduced the Smart Electronics Act, H.R. 5070, to help green the electronics industry by providing the private sector with reliable standards and incentives and by educating and empowering consumers to make smarter and more efficient choices—all of which help cool the planet and keep Silicon Valley innovative.

Once again, Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I commemorate the progress we are making toward a sustainably responsible future. Focusing on creating energy-efficient building envelopes as well as smarter electronics inside homes inspires our communities to work toward the next generation of energy independence and environmental justice.

DAXON JAMES WEAVER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Daxon James Weaver. Daxon is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 401, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Daxon has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Daxon has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably,