

strengthen disclosure requirements in the critical weeks before an election.

Under DISCLOSE, corporations will not be able to hide behind organizations with innocuous or vague sounding names when they run political ads. Organizations that sprout up overnight to participate in campaigns will be required to disclose their donors so voters will know who is sponsoring their ads, while at the same time allowing well-established issue-advocacy groups to protect the privacy of their donor base.

The American people deserve to know who attempts to influence their elections. Once they know who sponsors an ad, they can judge the content for themselves and vote accordingly. The DISCLOSE Act will help voters make their own decisions, a principle that is at the core of our democracy.

I urge my colleagues to vote for this highly important legislation.

RECOGNIZING DARWIN HINDMAN

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 28, 2010

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Darwin Hindman, the former mayor of Columbia, Missouri, who retired after 15 years of public service, thus becoming the longest-serving mayor in the city's history.

Over the course of his storied career, Mayor Hindman left a significant mark on Columbia's park system by creating Stephens Lake, Flat Branch, and the new South East Regional Park. During his tenure, Columbia grew to over 100,000 residents and saw its downtown greatly improved. Also, as an avid bicyclist, Mayor Hindman transformed Columbia into a more bike-friendly community. It should also be noted that Mayor Hindman has been a great advocate for healthy living and has won numerous awards for his efforts, including the Leadership for Healthy Communities Award in 2009.

In addition, Mayor Hindman is a past recipient of the Columbia Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Citizen of the Year, University of Missouri Faculty Alumni, Chevron Times Mirror Publications Citizen Conservation, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Association, and MU College of Arts and Science Distinguished Alumnus awards.

Mayor Darwin Hindman is supported by his wife, Axie, children Skip and Ellen, and four grandchildren. Mayor Hindman served two tours of active duty as a pilot in the U.S. Air Force.

In closing, Madam Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join me in congratulating former Mayor Darwin Hindman for his service to the city of Columbia.

TRIBUTE TO CLIFFORD LEE CHILDERS

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 28, 2010

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the late Clifford

Lee Childers, a family man who had a long and distinguished career in Pulaski County Kentucky.

In 1988, Mr. Childers operated the Somerset Financial Center and while there obtained his real estate and insurance licenses. Soon after, Mr. Childers was able to fulfill his lifetime dream of owning a small business when he opened Childers Financial Services. Performing residential and commercial appraisals in 14 counties he managed a very successful company that serves the Lake Cumberland area.

Mr. Childers was a man of faith and served as a deacon for the East Somerset Baptist Church. Always putting God first he strived to be an example to those around him and spread God's Word through his actions. Mr. Childers also proudly served his country. Enlisting in the Kentucky National Guard in 1970, he served until October 1996 and achieved the rank of Colonel.

Family was always Mr. Childers priority. He was married to Charlene Childers for 37 loving years and together they raised 3 children and were blessed with 5 grandchildren. Whether he was with his family at home in Somerset, Kentucky, or at their 'home away from home' in Bluffton, South Carolina, Mr. Childers treasured every moment with his family.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in memory of Mr. Clifford Lee Childers, a man who tirelessly worked to make the world a better place. His love for life will be truly be missed.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 28, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$13,038,305,786,811.25.

On January 6th, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$2,399,880,040,517.40 so far this Congress.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

RECOGNIZING THOMAS W. LUDLOW ASHLEY

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 28, 2010

Mr. TURNER. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to join my colleagues to honor the life and work of former Congressman Thomas W. Ludlow Ashley.

Thomas W. Ludlow Ashley served the State of Ohio for 13 terms in the U.S. House of Representatives, from 1955 to 1981. Mr. Ashley served Ohio's 9th District, which includes the city of Toledo and surrounding Lucas County.

He was a graduate of Yale University where one of his classmates was a future President, George H.W. Bush. Ashley graduated from the Ohio State University Law School in Columbus, Ohio in 1951.

Congressman Ashley was the great-grandson of former Congressman James Mitchell Ashley, who also represented Ohio's ninth congressional district, from 1859 to 1869, and co-authored the 13th Amendment that abolished slavery.

Congressman Ashley's work in Congress has proven very important for American cities. He was chairman of a House subcommittee on housing and community development within the Banking Committee.

In this role, Ashley helped write and pass the Housing and Community Development Acts of 1974 and 1977. These important bills paved the way for the Community Development Block Grant program. In recognition of his role as an advocate for affordable housing, Senator Edward Kennedy remarked: "Americans sleep in better homes today because of Lud Ashley."

I join my colleagues in the Ohio delegation in honoring the life of Congressman Thomas W. Ludlow Ashley, and his distinguished service to our State and our Nation.

ON THE OCCASION OF CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF MRS. GLADYS HASKINS

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 28, 2010

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, on Saturday, July 17, 2010, friends and family will gather to celebrate the 100th birthday of Mrs. Gladys Haskins in Wilson, North Carolina. Mrs. Haskins is a strong and caring woman who strives to treat everyone well and always tries to do what is right.

The youngest of 12 siblings, Mrs. Haskins was born in Florence, South Carolina on July 3, 1910. Because her family worked as sharecroppers, she had to leave school after the third grade to work. Her family later moved to Wilson, North Carolina where she met and married her husband, Nathan Haskins, Sr.

After living in Washington, DC for a decade, Mrs. Haskins returned to Wilson, North Carolina where she lives to this day. She maintains an interest in gardening, and has been a faithful member of Wilson Chapel Free Will Baptist Church for more than 50 years. And, as the Bible commands in Exodus 20:12, Mrs. Haskins has always sought to honor her father and mother in order to live long in the land the Lord has provided.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Mrs. Gladys Haskins. She is a truly remarkable person deserving of our deepest good wishes as she and her loved ones celebrate her 100th birthday.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2194,
COMPREHENSIVE IRAN SANCTIONS,
ACCOUNTABILITY, AND
DIVESTMENT ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support for the conference report on H.R. 2194, the Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment Act of 2010.

Iran is a threat to regional security and stability. It has flouted international law and supplied weapons to terrorist groups throughout the Middle East.

Upon taking office in 2009, President Barack Obama attempted to engage with Iran, including offering a deal which would have allowed Iran to receive nuclear fuel for peaceful purposes. However, Iran has spurned these good-faith efforts at engagement, and the time has come to put in place comprehensive sanctions.

The international community supports our efforts to isolate Iran through sanctions. President Obama secured a landmark sanctions agreement at the United Nations Security Council several weeks ago. The European Union took further action earlier this month when it agreed to impose stringent sanctions on Iran.

This bill goes even further than the UN and the EU—it is a comprehensive and stringent package of sanctions. Among many important provisions, it will prohibit investment in Iran's oil refining industry and create a legal framework for companies and investment managers who wish to divest from companies doing business with Iran. It will force many companies to answer a question—do I work with the U.S., or do I work with Iran?

I urge my colleagues to join with me in passing H.R. 2194 and sending a clear message to Iran that their provocative actions and reckless pursuit of a nuclear weapon will not be tolerated.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FRANK
PELLEGRINI

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 28, 2010

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Frank Pellegrini, who passed away on March 25, 2010.

Frank touched the lives of people all over Long Island and he will be remembered as a man who showed grace and humility in all aspects of his life. For 40 years, he worked at Farmingdale State College where he served thousands of students and teachers through his roles as an Organic Chemistry teacher and then the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Frank also served for 35 years as the Chief and Commissioner of the Dix Hills Fire Department where his heroic efforts touched the lives of countless members of the community. Frank possessed extreme bravery and a passion for helping others.

Frank Pellegrini will be remembered by all who were fortunate enough to know him, and his memory will remain a fixture in both institutions where he served for so long.

HOME ENERGY CONSERVATION
BONDS

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 28, 2010

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, the main obstacles facing homeowners who want to make their homes more energy efficient are the initial costs and poor access to capital. The legislation I am introducing will give the authority to issues bonds to states and large localities allowing them to issue loans for residential energy efficiency improvements. This legislation will significantly help homeowners who want to renovate their homes for increased energy efficiency. Home Energy Conservation Bonds will help homeowners overcome the upfront capital costs of energy efficiency retrofits, allowing homeowners to drastically reduce their energy and water consumption and pay less each month for their utilities. Only through addressing efficiency and conservation in existing homes will we be able to fully address our nation's addiction to energy. Renovating homes for increased energy efficiency provides a critical economic infusion, helps create new jobs and stimulate local economies. I look forward to working with my colleagues to realize that goal.

HARBOR MAINTENANCE TRUST
FUND IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2010

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 28, 2010

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund Improvement Act of 2010. This bill would strengthen our national economy and international competitiveness.

Our harbors are economic engines for our nation. Because more than 95 percent of overseas trade moves in and out of the United States by ship, harbor infrastructure is vital to the American economy.

Moreover, our harbors create a substantial amount of revenue through the Harbor Maintenance Tax. The tax is imposed on importers and domestic shippers based upon the value of their cargo and is deposited in the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund.

Fund money is designated for recovering operation and maintenance costs at US coastal and Great Lakes Harbors, particularly for dredging. Yet, our harbors only receive a fraction of the revenue they create. Revenue deposited into the fund far exceeds transfers out of the fund. This led to a balance of almost \$5 billion at the end of fiscal year 2009.

At the same time, the global economic crisis has hit our harbors and many are struggling to make ends meet. It is only fair to give back to our harbors in their times of need. That's why the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund Improvement Act would expand our harbors' ability to

make use of Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund money. The bill would allow them to use the revenue they create not only for maintenance and dredging needs but also for the costs of Environmental Impact Statements for navigation projects.

Environmental Impact Statements are required whenever the Corps of Engineers is involved in harbor maintenance and development efforts. The Statements serve the federal mission of taking environmental effects of a project into account. Use of Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund resources for this purpose is appropriate and long overdue. Harbors would be relieved of these costs, while the federal mission of assessing the environmental impact of such projects is strengthened.

Please join me in helping our harbors with this sensitive relief. I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support this important bill.

GEOTHERMAL ENERGY
INVESTMENT ACT

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 28, 2010

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the Geothermal Energy Investment Act. This legislation will extend a 30 percent investment tax credit for geothermal energy through December 31, 2016, providing parity with the solar investment tax credit. This longer-term incentive will support substantial growth in utility scale geothermal power, distributed on-site power generation, and heating for buildings and commercial processes, while using clean and renewable American energy.

Geothermal energy facilities supply environmentally-friendly baseload power while producing very low emissions. Once installed, geothermal power is incredibly reliable, with average availabilities of 90 percent or higher (compared to about 75 percent for coal plants). The United States has more geothermal capacity than any other country. In fact, if we could recover this entire resource base, our domestic resources are equivalent to a 30,000-year energy supply at our current levels of consumption. Geothermal energy resources are present in all 50 U.S. States today, and in California more than 40 geothermal plants provide nearly five percent of the State's electricity.

To access this capacity, however, developers of this power source need assistance ameliorating the risks associated with geothermal energy investment. While the costs for electricity from geothermal facilities are declining, these installations are complex, long-term projects. There are significant costs involved with the exploration and development of these installations, and significant risks that the forecast resources are unavailable. The short-term incentives currently in the tax code limit long-term efforts to develop these resources.

The legislation also seeks to encourage growth of new geothermal technologies, in particular small power production and direct heat uses. New technology allows geothermal power to be generated and used on-site, such as the new power generation equipment installed at Oregon Institute of Technology.