

Turner. On August 7, 1942, *McCawley* participated in the counterinvasion of Guadalcanal, the first Allied amphibious operation of the Pacific War. *McCawley* continued to unload needed cargo even as nearby U.S. and Allied ships were lost or damaged and managed to destroy three to four enemy aircraft. According to Naval records, "over the following six months, *McCawley* made several transport voyages into the fiercely contested waters near Guadalcanal, taking in personnel and materiel that contributed to securing the island in February, 1943."

Unfortunately, on the afternoon of June 30, 1943, at the start of a campaign to seize the island of New Georgia, *McCawley* was attacked by enemy aircraft. *McCawley's* gunfire brought down four planes; but an aerial torpedo struck *McCawley's* engine room, killing 15 of her crew, and shut off all power.

Shortly after the crew was rescued by the USS *Ralph Talbot* (DD 390), *McCawley* was attacked by dive bombers, but little damage was done after the remaining salvage party manned the guns and successfully struck one of the three attacking planes. Later that afternoon, the salvage party boarded the USS *McCalla* (DD 488), and pulled away from the damaged ship with all remaining hands safely accounted for.

That night, the final blow came when *McCawley* was again torpedoed and sank 340 fathoms in a matter of seconds. According to the Department of the Navy, "the following day it was learned that six U.S. motor torpedo boats had torpedoed an 'enemy' transport in Blanche Channel, after having been informed there were no friendly forces in the area. USS *McCawley's* loss to 'friendly fire' led to the urgent imposition of measures to reduce the risk of further such accidents."

June 30th, 1943, was an unforgettable day in the lives of these sailors, and as the remaining survivors gather in Florida this weekend to remember that fateful day, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring their service.

#### TRIBUTE TO COLONEL THOMAS H. MAGNESS IV

#### HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2010

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to southern California are exceptional. Southern California has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. Colonel Thomas Magness IV is one such individual. On July 1, 2010, Colonel Magness will be honored at the Change of Command Ceremony as the 58th Commander, Los Angeles District, for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Colonel Magness was born in Fort Campbell, KY. He graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1985 with a Bachelor of Science degree and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant and began serving in the Army Corps of Engineers. He later earned a Master's degree in Civil Engineering from the

University of Texas at Austin. His professional military education includes the Engineer Officer Basic and Advanced Courses and the Command and General Staff College.

Colonel Magness has served in the 2nd Armored Division at Fort Hood, TX; the 1st Armored Division in Germany; and the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Hood, TX. He has been a platoon leader, battalion supply officer, company commander, and battalion operations officer. He deployed with the 1st Armored Division as part of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm. Colonel Magness served as the District Commander for the Detroit District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Prior to coming to Los Angeles, Colonel Magness was a Senior Service College Fellow at the University of Texas at Austin. Colonel Magness has served as an instructor and assistant professor in the Department of Geography and Environmental Engineering at West Point. He has also served two tours as an observer/controller (trainer) at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, CA where he led the Sidewinder team, preparing engineer and maneuver support units and their leaders for combat operations.

Colonel Thomas H. Magness assumed command of the Los Angeles District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on July 10, 2007. Upon assuming command of the Los Angeles District, Colonel Magness understood the importance of managing water resources in a more comprehensive manner. Working closely with local watershed stakeholders, Colonel Magness took an innovative and forward looking approach to developing Corps of Engineers water resource projects. Among his many accomplishments while Commander, Colonel Magness played a significant role in advancing the construction of the Santa Ana River Mainstem Project, which is one of the largest Corps of Engineers projects in the Nation. When completed, the Santa Ana River Mainstem Project will provide Orange County with dramatically enhanced flood protection.

Colonel Magness' military awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), and the Army Commendation Medal (four awards). He has been awarded the Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, and the Ranger Tab. He is a licensed Professional Engineer in the Commonwealth of Virginia and is an Accredited Professional for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED).

Colonel Magness is married to the former Michelle Carnes of Killeen, Texas. They have two daughters, Jenna and Shelby.

Colonel Magness' tireless commitment to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and his role as Commander of the Los Angeles District has contributed immensely to the betterment of southern California. I am proud to call Colonel Magness a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that many people are grateful for his service and salute him as he completes his tour as the 58th Commander, Los Angeles District, for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. I also wish him well as he assumes command on July 8, 2010 to help rebuild northern Afghanistan with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

#### SUPPORT OF THE DIGITAL GOODS AND SERVICES TAX FAIRNESS ACT OF 2010

#### HON. RICK BOUCHER

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2010

Mr. BOUCHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Digital Goods and Services Tax Fairness Act. I am pleased to be joined by my colleague from Texas LAMAR SMITH, the Ranking Member of the Judiciary Committee, as the lead Republican cosponsor of the legislation.

Presently, consumers and businesses engaged in digital commerce may be subject to multiple, confusing and burdensome taxation because of inconsistent rules across the thousands of state and local jurisdictions. Disparate treatment of digital goods and services across these jurisdictions creates further confusion for consumers and businesses.

Digital commerce extends far beyond the digital music, movies and games downloaded by consumers to the electronic delivery of professional services, educational services and health care services.

The existing sales and use tax laws are inadequate and ill-equipped to address today's digital economy. The borderless marketplace and complex nature of digital transactions create new problems that must be addressed uniformly and on a national level to avoid double taxation and to ensure the fair and equitable treatment of digital goods and services.

Unfair, multiple and inconsistent taxation of these digital goods and services will increase costs for U.S. businesses and make them less competitive in the global economy. The additional costs will also hinder investment by high-tech businesses in the broadband networks used to provide new and innovative digital goods and services.

Unfair taxes on digital goods and services also discourage lower-income consumers from using innovative digital services and technologies.

The first state tax on digital goods was imposed in 2007. One year later, eleven additional states considered legislation to impose new taxes on digital goods, and in 2009 fourteen states considered legislation addressing the taxation of digital goods and services. Several states have attempted to impose telecommunication-specific taxes on downloaded music sold by communication providers, taxes which would not be imposed on similar products sold by non-communication companies.

A consistent, national framework for the state and local taxation of digital goods and services is therefore needed to ensure the fair, consistent and equitable taxation of these goods and services.

The Digital Goods and Services Tax Fairness Act addresses this clear need by establishing a uniform national framework for the taxation of digital goods and services.

Our measure prohibits state and local jurisdictions from imposing multiple or discriminatory taxes on the sale or use of digital goods and services, ensuring that digital goods and services are not taxed differently from their physical counterparts.

It provides that taxes may only be imposed on the retail sale or use of digital goods or services, preventing repeated taxation of digital goods and services at multiple stages of the transaction.

The legislation also ensures that only the jurisdiction encompassing the customers' tax address may impose taxes on digital goods and services, preventing the consumer from being taxed by multiple states. For example, a consumer who lives in Virginia could download a digital application from a server in Washington while on vacation in Idaho. Without our national framework, all three states could potentially try and impose taxes on this transaction.

Our measure also prevents state and local tax administrators from retroactively construing taxes imposed on tangible personal property to also apply to digital goods and services through administrative rulings or regulations.

Finally, in recognition of the critical role that online health, energy management and education services play in our economy, our measure exempts these services from all state and local taxes.

Our legislation has been endorsed by a wide range of stakeholders, including the Recording Industry Association of America, Verizon, Apple, Time Warner and Electronic Arts, among others.

I hope my colleagues will join with us in enacting into law the Digital Goods and Services Tax Fairness Act of 2010.

#### OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

#### HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 30, 2010*

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$13,037,542,715,703.81.

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 \$2,399,116,969,410.01 so far this Congress.

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

#### HONORING BRENDA MARIE PAGE ON HER RETIREMENT

#### HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 30, 2010*

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Brenda Marie Page, who is retiring after more than two decades of dedicated service as Clerk and Master of Tennessee's 18th Judicial District.

A lifetime Middle Tennessean, Brenda attended Maplewood High School, then earned her degree at Middle Tennessee State University, my own alma mater. She began her career at Tennessee's Department of Education and went on to work as a secretary at Volunteer State Community College. Then-Dean of Students Tom E. Gray recognized her abilities and brought her in as secretary upon being elected judge, then Chancellor of Sumner County.

Brenda was appointed to the constitutional office of Clerk and Master of the 18th Judicial

District in 1988. In her role as Clerk and Master, Brenda has worn many hats. In addition to overseeing the operations and budget of the Clerk's office, Brenda is appointed Special Master in cases involving the division of property. She has played critical roles in the execution of thousands of civil and domestic cases throughout her 22 years of service.

Outside of her contributions to the district, Brenda has served as a division president of the State Court Clerk's Association and an active member of the County Officials Association of Sumner County. She has also served as treasurer of the Sumner County Democratic Party and has been a valued organizer for many years.

Brenda, I hope you enjoy a long and happy retirement with your husband, Robert, and your children and grandchildren. I wish you all the best.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF WESTERN RODEO DAYS IN FOLSOM

#### HON. DANIEL E. LUGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 30, 2010*

Mr. DANIEL E. LUGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Western Rodeo Days in Folsom, and call upon the public to join in the festivities and celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the Folsom Pro Rodeo.

The Annual Cattle Drive, commencing tomorrow night, will travel to historic Sutter Street led by the second annual Running of the Bullpides run followed by the Wells Fargo stagecoach and other entertaining events.

This year is the Folsom Pro Rodeo's 50th anniversary and is being held at the Dan Russell Arena on July 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. The annual rodeo is a cornerstone of Folsom's link to its colorful past, and is thoroughly enjoyed by residents and visitors alike.

The 50th Anniversary highlights include all the traditional rodeo events such as saddle and bareback bronco riding, steer wrestling, team roping, barrel racing, and bull riding. There will also be special events such as a performance by the Painted Ladies Drill Team, the rodeo clowns, the crowd-pleasing mutton busting, the arrival of a 35' American flag via parachute, and an in-arena fireworks and laser light show.

I would also like to commend the hundreds of volunteers and the community support that has made these events possible every year.

I am pleased to recognize Western Rodeo Days in Folsom for their contribution to the area, and extend my best wishes to the Folsom Chamber of Commerce for a successful rodeo season.

#### IN TRIBUTE TO LOS ROBLES HOSPITAL & MEDICAL CENTER

#### HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 30, 2010*

Mr. GALLEGLY. Madam Speaker, I rise in tribute to Los Robles Hospital & Medical Center, which has been designated eastern Ven-

tura County's first Level II Trauma Center by the Ventura County, California, Board of Supervisors.

Beginning tomorrow, Los Robles will provide Level II Trauma Treatment for residents living in the Greater Conejo Valley and the surrounding communities in eastern Ventura County. The Ventura County Medical Center in Ventura will provide trauma treatment for critical patients in western Ventura County.

With its designation as a trauma center, Los Robles will be staffed and equipped to provide trauma care for any type of emergency patient, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Ventura County had been only one of two counties in the state without an approved trauma plan. Two years ago, Ventura County began the process to develop a trauma plan and in March the state approved the county's plan to designate one trauma center in the west part of the county and one in the east.

To be designated a trauma center, hospitals must meet stringent requirements. Los Robles Hospital's Trauma Center will offer immediate availability of specialized personnel, equipment and services to treat the most severe and critical injuries. The Trauma Center includes ready-to-go teams that perform immediate surgery and other necessary procedures for people with serious or life-threatening injuries caused by traumatic events.

It involves working together with emergency services throughout the county including EMS services, ambulances, helicopters and other healthcare emergency resources in a coordinated and pre-planned way.

Being named the Trauma Center for eastern Ventura County speaks volumes to the solid commitment from the Los Robles Hospital's Trauma Team members, Emergency Department staff, hospital support staff and medical staff.

Madam Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in congratulating Los Robles Hospital & Medical Center for being named the Trauma Center for eastern Ventura County and in thanking Los Robles doctors and staff for their commitment to providing high quality care for the most seriously injured patients.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CANADIAN CONSULATE GENERAL IN MINNEAPOLIS

#### HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 30, 2010*

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join my fellow Minnesotans in celebrating Canada Day and to recognize the 40th anniversary of the Canadian Consulate General in Minneapolis that serves the Upper Midwest region of the United States.

Canada and Minnesota are great neighbors, and the past 40 years have helped to strengthen our friendship through growing bilateral trade and investment ties. Canada remains as Minnesota's number one international trading partner, with an average of \$16 billion in trade each year. Approximately 141,000 Minnesota jobs and more than 8 million jobs across the United States result from trade with Canada. Additionally, our Canadian neighbors make 2 million visits to states in the