

Officer O'Neal began his law enforcement career as a Reserve Police Officer with the City of Pleasanton in 1976. For 8 years, he volunteered his time working alongside full-time officers during patrol operations and during special events.

Beginning in 1985, Officer O'Neal worked as a full-time police officer. He worked on a variety of assignments, including patrol, detective, two assignments as a Motorcycle Officer, and as SWAT team member.

During his 34 years of service, his true passion was investigating drug-related crimes. Not only was he widely respected in the law enforcement community as a Drug Recognition Expert Instructor, but also by those who he arrested because of the fair and understanding manner he treated everyone. In 1999, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the California Highway Patrol recognized Officer O'Neal for arresting over 100 drug- or alcohol-impaired drivers. He was selected as the Officer of the Year for his outstanding accomplishments.

Throughout his career, Officer O'Neal served as a Field Training Officer and was responsible for training dozens of officers. His passion for new and innovative firearms and safety training brought the most realistic training scenarios possible to fellow officers.

He gave everything he had to the department and its members, and set a fine example of responsibility and dedication.

I join the City of Pleasanton in applauding Officer O'Neal's leadership within the Pleasanton Police Department and expressing appreciation for his commitment to public safety. He is an outstanding role model for others in law enforcement to follow and I wish him well in his retirement.

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

SPEECH OF

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 2194, the Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment Act.

Mr. Speaker, it is in the national security interests of the United States and our allies to compel Iran's leaders to halt their nuclear program.

Sanctions, combined with unified international diplomatic pressure, are our best hope for peacefully achieving this goal.

The tools we use to confront this threat should not be go-it-alone military action, but diplomacy and international pressure.

I have long believed that Iran will only be convinced to give up their nuclear weapons program if a strong, unified international community rallies against Iran's nuclear ambitions.

With President Obama's diplomatic efforts over the past 18 months, we are getting closer to this reality.

This bill follows on President Obama's successful work to pass a very strong fourth round of sanctions through the United Nations Security Council.

The U.N. resolution brought Russia and China on board for globally-binding U.N. sanctions on Iran's banking, finance, shipping and energy sectors.

Now it is time for Congress to act.

The bill before us today complements the diplomatic gains made at the U.N. by expanding sanctions on foreign companies that sell Iran goods, services, or know-how that assist it in developing its energy sector.

In addition, H.R. 2194 imposes significant financial penalties and travel restrictions on Iran's human rights abusers.

Ultimately, this bill provides Iran, and the people and companies that do business with the Islamic Republic a stark choice: comply with the will of the international community, or face the consequences of diplomatic and financial isolation.

Until Iran makes the strategic choice to abandon their nuclear ambitions, this body and the international community have a responsibility to act.

I urge my colleagues to vote for this important legislation.

INTRODUCTION OF THE GULF COAST RESTORATION ACT

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2010

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to announce the introduction of the Gulf Coast Restoration Act, legislation that would create jobs and national service positions to clean and restore the Gulf Coast, and help rebuild communities throughout the Gulf Coast region. Funding for these jobs and services would be provided by BP in accordance with the company's liability under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990.

We have now learned twice—both in the wake of the Exxon Valdez spill and the ongoing cleanup of this disaster—that oil companies will never hold themselves accountable for their mistakes. Negotiating or trying to work with oil companies is futile. We have heard from BP over and over again that it is prepared to fund the cleanup of the Gulf Coast and compensate those whose livelihoods have been devastated by the spill. And over and over again, the American public has seen how unprepared BP was to handle a catastrophic event like the Deepwater Horizon incident. It's going to take Congress and the Administration to force oil companies to do their fair share. This bill will both help clean up the Gulf and provide a much-needed infusion of jobs into the region.

I want to thank Representatives ISRAEL, HIMES, CONNOLY, LANGEVIN, SUTTON, HINCHEY, BLUMENAUER, and JOHN LEWIS for signing on as original co-sponsors. I also want to thank the continued commitment of the 54 members of the Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition, who have endorsed the bill and whose dedication has been invaluable.

An estimated one million Gulf Coast residents will likely face permanent job loss as a result of the Deepwater Horizon accident, and experts predict that it will take years, if not decades, to recover from the environmental devastation. We've already heard that some fisheries and ecosystems will likely never fully

recover. If we learned anything from the Exxon Valdez spill, it's that we're going to need an enormous and continued effort to clean up this mess, and this bill will help us do just that.

PAULA HAWKINS POST OFFICE BUILDING

SPEECH OF

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 28, 2010

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise in support of legislation to honor Senator Paula Hawkins by designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 151 North Maitland Avenue in Maitland, Florida, as the "Paula Hawkins Post Office Building."

Senator Hawkins was born in Salt Lake City, Utah on January 24th, 1927 where she attended Utah State University. In 1947 she moved with her husband to Atlanta, Georgia, before finally relocating to Winter Park, Florida, in 1955 where she became active in local politics.

In 1972, she became the first woman elected to statewide office in Florida by winning a seat on the Florida Public Service Commission. After years of hard work and dedication, she ran for the U.S. Senate in 1980 and won, becoming the first woman to be elected to the U.S. Senate with no previous familial ties to the institution.

Serving a 6-year term in the Senate, Senator Hawkins worked hard to defend abused children, fought drugs, championed stay-at-home mothers and fought for freedom across the globe. Her signature pieces of legislation were the Missing Children's Assistance Act and the creation of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

We lost Senator Paula Hawkins this past December. On behalf of the Florida delegation, I would like to express my condolences to her family and friends. For her contributions as a Senator and her hard work for the State of Florida and the Nation, I rise in remembrance of the late Senator Paula Hawkins and also to express my support for this legislation in her honor.

HONORING OFFICERS DAVID CURTIS AND JEFFREY KOCAB

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2010

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the lives of David Curtis and Jeffrey Kocab, Tampa police officers who were shot and killed in the line of duty Tuesday morning. Both officers were highly revered by their peers.

Officer Curtis is remembered fondly for his positive outlook on life, his rational demeanor, and his devotion to this family. Many of those who know him comment about his dedication to his wife, Kelly, and four sons Austin, Sean, Tyler, and Hunter. He chose to work midnight shifts so that he would have more time to spend with them.

Officer Kocab is described as a highly motivated individual—active and productive—always looking for the “bad guys” and an exceptional learner. He exuded a caring and compassionate temperament toward those around him. His colleagues comment that his family was the main focus of his life. He was tragically taken from his pregnant wife, Sara.

Fine officers such as David Curtis and Jeffrey Kocab, who so selflessly sacrifice their lives, keep us safe in our communities. Though truly proud to have such upstanding officers in my community, it is with great remorse that I rise and commemorate their lives. It is such a tragedy that these remarkable men were taken at the prime of their lives. I extend my condolences to their families, friends, and colleagues. Although I did not have the honor of knowing Officer Curtis or Officer Kocab, I am thankful to know that because of their tireless work, so many lives have been enhanced and made safer.

IN HONOR OF ROBIN MOSELEY

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2010

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, during my 17-year service in the South Carolina State Senate, I met many dedicated Senate staffers who were devoted to serving the public. One of the most outstanding was Robin McIntyre Moseley of Irmo who was always enthusiastic about being accountable and accessible. She has been the right hand of State Senate Education Committee Chairman John Courson, who has been so successful serving South Carolina promoting quality education.

Robin is retiring on July 1, 2010, and her service was recognized by the South Carolina State Senate Resolution below that was unanimously adopted:

A SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING ROBIN MCINTYRE MOSELEY ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT FROM THE STAFF OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE, THANKING HER FOR HER DEDICATION TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND WISHING HER WELL IN ALL OF HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS

Whereas, the members of the Senate have learned that Robin Moseley, Director of Research for Higher Education with the Senate Education Committee, will be retiring on July 1, 2010; and

Whereas, Senator John E. Courson hired Robin in January 1991 to assist him in his Senate office; and

Whereas, as Senator Courson's Chief of Staff, Robin has faithfully and compassionately assisted the people of Senate District 20, Richland and Lexington Counties, and throughout the State for twenty legislative sessions; and

Whereas, Robin has had a distinguished career of public service working for the Senate Invitations Committee and the Senate Education Committee; and

Whereas, Robin McIntyre Moseley is from Marion, South Carolina and is the daughter of Dorothy Dozier “Dot” McIntyre and the late Robert Joseph McIntyre; and

Whereas, Robin has two brothers, Joe and Al, and one sister, Betsy; and

Whereas, Robin is the proud mother of Scott Moseley, married to Melinda Moseley, and is the doting grandmother, known as “Grandma Robin,” to Alex and Kate; and

Whereas, Robin is a faithful and active member of McGregor Presbyterian Church in Irmo where she is an elder and Sunday school teacher, and has served as Clerk of the Session; and

Whereas, Robin is an involved member of the Irmo community and was the longest serving president of the Ballentine-Dutch Fork Civic Association; and

Whereas, in her free time, Robin enjoys gardening and photography. In 2005, she was honored when one of her many wonderful State House photographs graced the cover of the 2005 Legislative Manual; and

Whereas, Robin's decision to retire from her current position will leave her time to delight in caring for her grandchildren and spend time on her family's farm in Marion where her mother and siblings reside; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper for the members of the South Carolina Senate to recognize Robin's achievements on the occasion of her retirement. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Robin McIntyre Moseley on the occasion of her retirement from the staff of the South Carolina Senate, thank her for her dedication to the people of South Carolina, and wish her well in all of her future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Robin Moseley.

TRIBUTE TO MS. EDNA MITCHELL-STEWART

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to one of the most admired, most loved and most influential members of my community, and of my congressional district. She was not a minister, she was not a physician, she was not an athlete, she was not a gangster and she was not a public educator or well known philanthropist. She was a queen, the queen of soul, the queen of soul food. She was the owner of Edna's Soul Food Restaurant where she fed kings and queens but never lost the common touch.

Edna and her father, the late Mr. Sam Mitchell Sr. opened Edna's in the 1960's and operated a number of businesses in the Garfield Park Community. Their good food, personality and community spirit propelled Edna's into becoming a community institution.

During his stay in Chicago, it was one of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s, favorite eating places and of course they fed him and his staff often times for free. Over the years Edna's became the place to be, it was a meeting place for ministers, politicians, business persons and others. I have held regular meetings there for both my political and government activities.

Mayors, governors, Presidents, entertainers, athletes and other well known personalities

were there on a regular basis. Edna and her family were not just proprietors; they were a community institution, her parents, her sisters, including Judge Judy Mitchell Davis, her brother Sam, Sister Alice, all contributed greatly to the community. One former governor always called it Edna's Kitchen and would inquire about meeting there. Governor Pat Quinn earlier this year proclaimed Edna's Day while feasting on black-eyed peas and cornbread.

Edna would hire young people and help them go to college. I cannot count the times she asked me about scholarships and financial aid for students.

Edna did more than just manage a restaurant. She was a guidance counselor, a community resource, she hired people fresh out of prison, she fed the hungry, she clothed those who were naked, and she gave hope to the hopeless and provided help for the helpless. She was active in her church, participated in politics and played a substantial role in community affairs.

Although Edna is gone, her spirit lives on in her recipes and in her legacy of generosity. Goodbye to our Queen of Soul . . . that is soul food.

HONORING VENEZUELAN INDEPENDENCE DAY ON JULY 5, 2010

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2010

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, on July 5th, just one day after we celebrate our country's birth, Venezuela will celebrate its independence from Spain.

The Venezuelan people know and love freedom, but that land of heroes has been hijacked by a crazy, corrupt dictator, Hugo Chavez.

His government has limited freedom of the press by forcing independent TV stations and newspapers to shut down, has silenced its critics by jailing opposition party members and even members of the judiciary, and continues to put millions of dollars in the hands of terrorists and narco-traffickers around the world. Chavez has also deepened ties with Iran, through training exercises with Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps Qods Force.

Chavez is leading his nation down the road to tyranny and that, Madame Speaker, is unacceptable. Venezuela is the land of Simon Bolivar, home to his decedents, freedom-loving people who value liberty, justice and the rule of law.

As Chavez furthers his corrupt and anti-democratic activities in our hemisphere, the United States must stand firm on the side of freedom and support our democratic allies in the region and all the people who value democratic principles, both inside and outside of Venezuela.

I want to thank and commend all Venezuelans living in exile in the United States for