

A TRIBUTE TO THE PASADENA
HOST LIONS CLUB ON ITS 90TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Pasadena Host Lions Club as it celebrates 90 years of service.

Since its beginning on March 26, 1920, with 41 charter members, the Pasadena Host Lions Club has tirelessly served the Pasadena community as part of the Lions Clubs International, a globally recognized organization that boasts over 1.4 million volunteers and 45,000 clubs throughout the world. Former President Jimmy Carter is one of the most notable living Lions.

The Lions clubs, “Knights of the Blind,” as Helen Keller once called them, are well-known for their support of organizations that serve the sight impaired. Although the Pasadena Lions Club follows this tradition, such as its well-known support of a “White Cane” drive in the 1920s, the club is also active in other community activities. In the 1930s, the club, as a member of United Service Clubs, helped Pasadena enter its first float in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade, and has been involved with this tradition ever since, eventually building the first annual Lions float in the 1990s. In 1933, amidst the chaos of the Long Beach earthquake, Pasadena Lions were among the first responders, providing financial relief and ambulance service to victims. The 1940s brought the pandemonium of World War II, a war in which many members served, and during which the club assisted in the war effort by selling tens of thousands of war bonds; additionally, during this time, the club donated an iron lung to Huntington Memorial Hospital. In the 1950s, the club bought land and a building to house the Braille Club of Pasadena; during the 1960s, the club purchased the land and established the Vista Nova Home of the Blind in Pasadena; and in the 1970s, the Pasadena Host Lions Club helped to found the Lions Eye Foundation of Southern California. Also in the 1970s, the club was recognized as the all-time fund-raising Lions Club in its district.

Over the many decades, the Pasadena Host Lions Club has expanded its charitable efforts to support many organizations in the Pasadena area, including Longfellow Elementary School, Union Station Homeless Services, Rosemary Children’s Services, Huntington Memorial Hospital, and Partners in Education, while continuing their support of the Pasadena Braille Club, Vista Nova Home of the Blind and the White Cane effort. In addition, the club developed youth Leo Clubs in elementary and high schools in Pasadena, installing youth with the spirit of volunteer leadership.

The Pasadena Host Lions Club has tirelessly served the Pasadena area over the last nine decades and the residents have benefited greatly from their generosity. I ask all Members to join with me in commending the Pasadena Host Lions Club on their landmark 90th anniversary.

STEPHANIE JORDAN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Stephanie Jordan who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award. Stephanie Jordan is a 12th grader at Wheat Ridge High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Stephanie Jordan 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 Stephanie Jordan 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.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 4173,
DODD-FRANK WALL STREET RE-
FORM AND CONSUMER PROTEC-
TION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2010

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to highlight the critical role of venture capital in creating jobs and growing companies. Specifically, I would like to raise the issue of the Volcker Rule and the unintended effect it may have on this type of investment.

I strongly support and will vote for H.R. 4173, the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and the inclusion of a strong and effective Volcker Rule.

The purpose of the Volcker Rule is to eliminate risk-taking activities by banks and their affiliates while at the same time preserving safe, sound investment activities that serve the public interest. We have specifically barred bank investment in hedge funds and private equity for that reason.

Venture capital funds do not pose the same risk to the health of the financial system. They promote the public interest by funding growing companies critical to spurring innovation, job creation, and economic competitiveness. The funds typically invest primarily or exclusively in private companies and are significantly smaller.

I expect the regulators to use the broad authority in the Volcker Rule wisely and clarify that funds that invest in technology startup companies, such as venture capital funds, are not captured under the Volcker Rule and fall outside the definition of “private equity funds”.

This clarification will ensure the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act does not stop venture capital from providing a critical source of capital for startup technology companies.

HONORING THE ASSOCIATION OF
INDIANS IN AMERICA

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Association of Indians in America, AIA, the oldest national association of Asian Indians. This grassroots nonprofit organization was founded on August 20, 1967 to provide Indian immigrants opportunities to get involved in their communities.

Representing the hopes of Indian immigrants, the AIA strives to involve its members through the public policy process, leadership roles, and community activities. The organization remains dedicated to bringing their members together through a combination of shared Indian and American heritage and civic responsibility.

The Illinois chapter of AIA is particularly active. The chapter sponsors several councils that encourage responsible citizenship and awareness of community needs in such fields as medicine, business, and public policy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending the Association of Indians in America for their extraordinary contributions throughout Illinois and the Nation.

IN HONOR OF JOYCE PALMER

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. PALLONE. Madame Speaker, I rise today to honor New Jersey Lions 16-B District Governor Joyce Palmer for an outstanding level of dedication to the betterment of her community. District Governor Palmer has been a member of the New Jersey Oceanport Lions Club for 14 years, in which six of those years she has served as Secretary and five years as President.

District Governor Palmer’s generosity, time, spirit and commitment to serving others are evident in her work with the Oceanport Lions Club “Project Michael.” District Governor Palmer and her husband were approached by the parents of Michael, a five year old child in need of costly medication for his prosthetic eye. Ms. Palmer’s compassion was exemplified as she quickly contacted the prescriber of Michael’s medication in California and shared his compelling story. Sympathetic to Michael’s case, the manufacturer mailed a year’s supply worth of medication for free. Under the direction and leadership of District Governor Palmer, the Oceanport Lions Club organized a spaghetti dinner to raise funds to help offset Michael’s medical expenses.

District Governor Palmer’s dedication to Michael did not end there. Soon after, she became the co-chairperson for “Project Michael,” uniting five New Jersey Lions Clubs committed to raising more money to fund a new prosthetic eye for Michael as he grows up. District Governor Palmer considers becoming a Lion her greatest life achievement because her position enables her to help those in need.

Not only does District Governor Palmer serve her community as a Lion, she has held

multiple leadership positions on a district level as Cabinet Secretary, 16–B Public Relations Co-Chair, member of 16–B State Sight Committee, member of 16–B Katzenbach Committee, and member of Women’s Development & Participation. She became a Certified Guiding Lion in 2008, participated in the reorganization of the Jackson Lions, and deservingly won Lion of the Year in 2001–2002. Furthermore, District Governor Palmer has represented the club at eight State Conventions, nine Charity Balls and was awarded later the Melvin Jones Fellow by the Oceanport Lions Club.

Madam Speaker, I would once more like to thank District Governor Joyce Palmer for her outstanding life achievements and dedication to her community. She has truly inspired so many people with her community leadership and commitment to providing vision for those who are unable to see.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION
OF SENATE AMENDMENTS TO
H.R. 4899, SUPPLEMENTAL AP-
PROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 1, 2010

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to state how I will vote on the war in Afghanistan and why.

Today Congress considers whether to continue funding operations in Afghanistan, and as we do, we must scrutinize the policy, the price being paid, and the outcomes for our national security. This is a deeply profound examination and its outcome will decide life or death for some of our troops.

It’s hard to believe that the eighteen year olds who enlist today to fight and die in Afghanistan were in fourth grade when the World Trade Center and Pentagon were attacked in 2001. Now it is 2010. This conflict is now the longest war in our nation’s history and it has been accompanied by tragic loss of American lives and those of innocent civilians.

The history of Afghanistan is instructive. It is called the graveyard of empires for a reason. No one since Ghengis Khan has been able to hold the country—not Alexander the Great, not the Persians, not the Ottomans, not the British, not the Russians. It’s said that the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results. We should learn from the examples of those who preceded us in Afghanistan.

President Obama told the troops that the mission must be definable and it must be winnable. I believe it is neither.

We are losing more and more precious lives—102 in June alone. And every month security has not improved after \$300 billion in military spending and more than 1,000 American lives lost.

We have a corrupt partner with the Karzai regime and when the Afghan people see the U.S. supporting their government, they believe we have taken one side in their own civil war. No counter insurgency effort has succeeded

when the partner is corrupt. If the Afghans don’t want us there, and do not wish to protect their own towns and villages, no amount of armies and firepower can change this dynamic.

I applaud the work our troops have done in disrupting Al Qaeda, and the risks they have taken to prevent terrorist attacks here at home. According to the CIA Director, Al Qaeda is down to 50 to 100 operatives in Afghanistan. We have achieved our goals, and we should leave before our continued presence unites the other insurgent groups in the region against us.

I have tremendous respect for the men and women—civilian and military—who are risking their lives every day in Afghanistan. I have met them, and I am impressed by their selfless dedication to the mission and belief in the cause.

The President’s strategy is not succeeding, and rather than ask Americans to put their lives on the line for another eighteen months for what has become an impossible task, I will vote for Congressman MCGOVERN’s amendment to require a withdrawal plan by April 2011 and end this war.

TYLER SALEN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Tyler Salen who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award. Tyler Salen is a 10th grader at Ralston Valley High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Tyler Salen 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 Tyler Salen for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character to all his future accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF MATRIARCH
ELEANOR B. HOLMES 90TH
BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION “A
WOMAN OF STRENGTH AND
FAITH”

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, throughout our history, the vision and determination of women have strengthened and transformed America. Change can only come to our nation by those strong women whose contributions shape the history of our country. Women con-

tinue this legacy of leadership as professionals, public officials, leaders in their homes, as well as churches and other community organizations. They continuously provide guidance and care to their loved ones and strengthen America’s families and communities.

We have a fine example of a strong woman, Matriarch Eleanor B. Holmes, who has been a dedicated servant of the Church of New Hope Ministries for over 40 years. Over those forty years, Eleanor has served in various roles such as: International Women’s Council, 21 Years as the Local Missionary President, Usher Board member, Sunday School Teacher, Mother Board member, Missionary State Chaplain, and Chairperson of the South Carolina State Missionary Banner Committee.

Born June 28, 1920, in Mayesville, South Carolina to Rosa (Smith) Bowens and Hugh Bowens. Eleanor’s ancestry traces back to her grandparents Reverend David E. Smith & Rosa Smith, both were born in 1860 into slavery. As a daughter of the South and descendant of Slavery, Eleanor Holmes was on the front line for civil rights and against Jim Crow. She fought for causes true to her faith and community by creating programs, like “Feed A Child Program (Friendship Apartments, Sumter, SC),” and establishing the New Hope Church Day Care Center.

As a child, Eleanor walked from Shaw Cross Road, Mayesville, South Carolina to Salterstown, South Carolina. Reminded by the many years of walking several miles a day to attend Elementary and High School, she launched community school bus service so children of Sumter would not have to endure what she had to endure as a child growing up in the South. In 1947, Eleanor married William N. Holmes, a World War II Veteran, and from that union came eight children, thirteen grandchildren, and 17 great grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, so often unrecognized and unrewarded, we have an outstanding individual, a real American hero, Eleanor Holmes, who has contributed greatly to the lifeblood of our nation and her beloved South Carolina. Please join me in recognizing Matriarch Eleanor B. Holmes on the occasion of her 90th Birthday, and her undaunted service to her community of Sumter, South Carolina.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$13,194,523,014,378.23.

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 \$2,556,097,268,084.43 so far this Congress.

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