

the title of "Foundress of the American Province of Saint Lucy Filippini." Even though she was the youngest of the five original teachers, she was appointed to be the Superior of Saint Joachim Convent on October 20, 1914. She dedicated her life to the service of God, her convent, and her religion. This woman of vision and great faith died in 1976, but is recalled with fondness by all those fortunate to know her.

The Pontifical Institute of the Religious Teachers Filippini has been dedicated to both the service of God and to their community for the past 100 years. They have built schools and convents and have operated missions throughout the United States and the world. In the 100 years since the arrival of the Religious Teachers Filippini, this small group has flourished and their good works have spread around the world.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Pontifical Institute of the Religious Teachers Filippini as they celebrate 100 dedicated years of service to our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DENNY REHBERG

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 15, 2010

Mr. REHBERG. Madam Speaker, had I been present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 434, "nay" on rollcall No. 435 and "yea" on rollcall No. 436.

HONORING THE LIFE AND PUBLIC SERVICE ACHIEVEMENTS OF NEDRA GROVES

HON. BARON P. HILL

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 15, 2010

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, on July 12, 2010, the Mayor of Rockport, Indiana, Nedra A. Groves passed away at the age of 72. In a telling sign of her passion for public service, Groves decided to run for mayor of her small town during her retirement in 2007. She worked passionately for the people of Rockport.

Nedra A. Groves was born in Cannelton, Indiana, on June 14, 1938 to Archie and Melvina Gaynor. Groves served as the Spencer County Clerk and was the former Republican County Chairman. Groves' time as mayor came after four years of retired life with her husband Scot. She had previously worked as a city clerk, at the town's license branch, and for nearly 20 years was part of the local zoning office. She was always very active in local politics and government and was also a member of the Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

In offering his condolence, Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels said of Mayor Groves, "No mayor loved her city and its people more than she did. We continue to work very hard on new job opportunities for the Rockport area, and I'm just so sorry she won't be here to see them happen." The people of Rockport will miss Groves' passion and love she had for the city and its residents. My thoughts and prayers

go out to the Groves family and all those affected by Nedra's passing.

HONORING MARK PHELPS

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 15, 2010

Mr. CARDOZA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mark Phelps who passed away on June 22, 2010. Mark was a resident of Stockton, CA where he served as the Executive Director of the Children's Home of Stockton since 1985. The Children's Home, established in 1882, is a nonprofit, private facility providing educational services and residential treatment to emotionally disturbed children and their families.

Mark was born August 13, 1947 in San Francisco, CA. After serving with the Volunteers in Service to America program, he attended Ft. Lewis College in Durango, Colorado, where he obtained his Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and a Master of Arts in Psychology from the University of Northern Colorado. Prior to serving as CEO of the Children's Home, Mark served as a Mental Health Staff Psychologist, worked as a Probation Administrator in Colorado for ten years, and was appointed by Kansas Governor John Carlin to the Superintendency of the Kansas State Juvenile Correctional Facility. He also served as an adjunct faculty member at several State and private colleges and universities, and sat on numerous State and local boards for various private and public human service organizations.

Among his many honors, Mark was named "Kansas Public Administrator of the Year" by the American Society of Public Administration in 1985, "Administrator of the Year" by the California State Council for Exceptional Children in 1986, and was Executive Director of the Children's Home of Stockton when it was honored in 2004 by the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate with its national award for exemplary children's services, the "Angels in Adoption and Foster Care" award.

Mark is survived by his wife, Susan, and their two children. He will also be greatly missed by the countless children, families, and friends whose lives were blessed by his benevolent work. His life was filled with compassion and service to others and his work will leave a lasting and positive impact. It is with greatest pleasure that I honor his life, his work, and his commitment to changing lives here today.

HONORING THE LIFE OF WALTER LEE HOVELL, SR.

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 15, 2010

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my deepest condolences to the family of the late Walter Lee Hovell, Sr., a respected philanthropist, businessman and community leader from Mobile, Alabama.

After serving in the United States Marines, Mr. Hovell attended Spring Hill College on the

G.I. Bill. Upon graduation, he began his career at Mobile Gas Company in 1961, where he worked as an accountant and rose to the deserving position of president and CEO.

Mr. Hovell held this position until his retirement in 1995. As a citizen of Mobile, Mr. Hovell was always working tirelessly to serve the community he loved.

Walter Hovell was devoted to improving health and education services for all Alabamians. He served on the Board of Directors for the United Way, The Salvation Army, the United Cerebral Palsy Council of Mobile and the Alabama School of Math and Science.

Mr. Hovell was also a founding member of the Southwest Alabama Medical Education Consortium. In 1973 he received a lifetime membership to the Home of Grace board for his help incorporating the organization, which helps women addicted to drugs and alcohol.

Madam Speaker, as a result of his selfless service and dedication to improving the quality of life for all Mobilians, Walter Hovell was named Mobilian of the Year in 1993 by the Civitan Club of Mobile. He was also the honored recipient of a "Certificate of Merit" in 1991 from President George H.W. Bush.

In his private life, Walter was a proud man of God. He was an ordained deacon and taught Sunday school classes throughout his life. He was also a devoted father to his three children and grandfather to his nine grandchildren.

To his wife, Barbara, and daughters Cynthia, Heidi and son, Walter, and their entire family, I express my deepest sympathies. Walter Hovell was truly an extraordinary citizen and friend to all. His generous spirit and unsurpassed vision will be truly missed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 15, 2010

Mr. TIAHRT. Madam Speaker, on July 14th, I missed three rollcall votes numbered 437, 438, 439, 440, and 441 because I was unavoidably detained in Kansas.

Rollcall No. 437 was a vote on the previous question, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1722) to improve teleworking in executive agencies by developing a telework program that allows employees to telework at least 20 percent of the hours worked in every 2 administrative workweeks, and for other purposes. Had I been present I would have voted "no."

Rollcall No. 438 was a vote on H. Res. 1509, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1722) to improve teleworking in executive agencies by developing a telework program that allows employees to telework at least 20 percent of the hours worked in every 2 administrative workweeks, and for other purposes. Had I been present I would have voted "no."

Rollcall No. 439 was a vote on H.R. 2864, to amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998 to authorize funds to acquire hydrographic data and provide hydrographic services specific to the Arctic for safe navigation, delineating the United States extended continental shelf, and the monitoring and description of costal changes. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall No. 440 was a vote on the motion to recommit with instructions H.R. 1722, the Telework Improvements Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall No. 441 was a vote on H.R. 1722, the Telework Improvement Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

REMEMBERING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF KEITH BLACKLEDGE

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 15, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a respected Nebraska journalist, Keith Blackledge, who recently passed away at the age of 82.

Keith was a reporter at the North Platte Telegraph from 1952 to 1959. After a series of other assignments, he returned to North Platte in 1967 when he was named the executive editor of the Telegraph, and later named vice-president and director of public affairs for the paper. Keith was named to the Nebraska Newspaper Hall of Fame in 2005.

He retired from the paper in 1992 but, never one to let the grass grow under his feet, Keith continued to write a weekly column for the paper until his death.

During his time in North Platte, Keith authored four books—A Short History of North Platte, The Election of 1951, Letter to Home, and This Town Fights About Everything.

As president of the North Platte Chamber of Commerce during the late 1970s, Keith initiated the creation of the Mid-Nebraska Community Foundation and the Clean City Committee, which later became Keep North Platte Beautiful.

He also played a major role in the successful campaign to consolidate two small hospitals and establish the Great Plains Regional Medical Center in the early 1970s. He initiated the Habitat for Humanity affiliate in North Platte in 1998 and served as its first president.

Just two months ago, Lincoln County Commissioners proclaimed May 10th of this year Keith Blackledge Day.

Keith dedicated his life to improving North Platte and surrounding communities while always remaining a dedicated journalist.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 15, 2010

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I was detained from voting on Tuesday, July 13 due to flight delays. If present, I would have voted "yea" on the following rollcall votes:

Rollcall 434; rollcall 435; and rollcall 436.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 15, 2010

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I missed the following

recorded votes on the House floor the legislative week of Tuesday, July 13, 2010.

For Tuesday, July 13, 2010, had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 434 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree H.R. 4514); "no" on rollcall vote No. 435 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. R. 4438; and "aye" on rollcall vote No. 436 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 4773).

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 1, 2010

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of Representative BARBARA LEE's amendment to prevent an escalation and limit funding to the safe and orderly withdrawal of our troops and military contractors from Afghanistan. After 9 years of war, the time has come to bring our troops home.

I will also vote in favor of the McGovern-Obey amendment that would require the President to provide Congress with a plan for the expeditious redeployment of U.S. troops in Afghanistan and a timeline for completion of the redeployment.

I would like to thank Speaker PELOSI and the Democratic leadership for bringing this bill to the floor today in a manner that allows clear up or down votes on funding for the war and other domestic priorities.

The challenges in Afghanistan are great. As the violence and attacks on our troops continue to increase, we still do not have a clear path forward or a way to measure progress there.

We cannot afford to sustain an open-ended commitment with no clear definition of success.

Reports of corruption abound in Afghanistan, and without a true partner in the Karzai government, our prospects for making real progress have grown dim.

Our troops have fought with honor and professionalism in the face of great challenges, and at great cost—I am truly humbled by their service and sacrifice. These brave men and women in uniform deserve our full support and commitment to return them home safely to their families and loved ones.

President Obama did not start this war, and I was among those who have spoken out in support of allowing for the time necessary for a new strategy in Afghanistan to turn the tide.

But after years of war that has strained our military, their families, and the country, I am unable to continue to support what increasingly looks like an intractable situation in Afghanistan.

That is why I vote in favor of these amendments today.

Despite my opposition to our continued military presence in Afghanistan, the bill does include critical domestic funding that I will support. These include saving teachers' jobs, Pell Grants, emergency food assistance for hungry Americans, and disaster aid to respond to the Gulf oil spill catastrophe.

For example, today we are providing \$10 billion for an Education Jobs Fund to provide

additional emergency support to local school districts to prevent impending layoffs. Estimates suggest that this fund will help keep 140,000 school employees on the job next year.

Moreover, when we invest in education, we save jobs in other sectors and spur economic recovery. According to the Economic Policy Institute, for every 100,000 education jobs lost, another 30,000 jobs are lost in other sectors due to reduced consumer spending and tax revenues.

The list of important programs this bill funds is both extensive and impressive: Among other priorities, we are providing \$304 million for the Gulf Coast oil spill; \$50 million for the Emergency Food Assistance Program for food purchases to distribute through local emergency food providers; \$13.377 billion for the payment of benefits to Vietnam veterans and their survivors for exposure to Agent Orange, which has been linked with Parkinson's disease, ischemic heart disease, and hairy cell/B cell leukemia; and \$2.93 billion for Haiti.

These are extremely important priorities which are fully paid for and which I support.

TRIBUTE TO MR. EMILE JOSEPH ZOGHBY

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 15, 2010

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise to offer tribute to a remarkable South Alabama businessman, Mr. Emile Joseph Zoghby, who passed away on July 3, 2010 at the age of 91.

Described by his son, Edmund, as an "old-school Southern gentleman," Mr. Zoghby was a longtime merchant in downtown Mobile with a well known reputation for quality who contributed significantly to Mobile's economy.

A graduate of McGill-Toolen High School and Springhill College, both in Mobile, Mr. Zoghby served in the United States Army from 1941–1945. Upon completion of his service to America, he returned to Mobile to help run his family clothing business, as the eldest of five sons.

His care for customers and determination to succeed made him and his clothing store, Zoghby's, invaluable to the city of Mobile. But even more than his impeccable taste was his well loved personality. He was the consummate salesman and his customers were among his best friends.

Mr. Zoghby was also a devoted family man, showcased by his 66 year marriage, and always committed to his seven children.

Madam Speaker, Emile Zoghby lived a full, rich life complete with a wonderful family, treasured friends and a legacy of helping others that will be hard to replicate. My condolences and prayers go out to his lovely wife, Josephine, and their children, Mary Jo, Edmund, Melanie, Alex, Linda, and Diane, as well as 15 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. We mourn with you over your loss, just as we celebrate Mr. Zoghby's remarkable life and all those he touched. May he rest in peace.