

known throughout the department, and he was often approached by other officers seeking his insight, wisdom and expertise.

Beyond the job, his family was his foundation and his greatest love. His devotion to his wife, Dorothy, to his sons, Kevin and Alan, to his daughter Sandy, and to his grandchildren was unconditional and unwavering.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Police Officer Emil Cielec, who lived life with great love and devotion to his family and to those he served. Officer Cielec's work made our Cleveland community a better place to live. He will be remembered and honored forever.

CONGRATULATING THE BOY  
SCOUTS OF AMERICA ON THEIR  
100TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. PETE SESSIONS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 22, 2010*

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, 2010 marks the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America, the largest youth organization in the United States. Since 1910, more than 111,000,000 youth have participated in Scouting programs focused on character development and leadership training.

This Sunday, July 25th, the Boy Scouts will kick-off their 100th Anniversary celebrations with a Grand Centennial Parade. Not since the very first Jamboree in 1937 has there been a Scout-specific parade in Washington, DC. There will be floats, marching bands, vintage vehicles, great entertainment, flags, fun and so much more. I am proud to join my father, former FBI Director Judge William S. Sessions, as a division marshal in this historic parade.

From July 26th to August 4th, the National Boy Scout Jamboree will be hosted at Fort A.P. Hill just south of Washington, DC. The Jamboree will host over 43,000 Scouts and adult leaders visiting from across the globe. This is the last year the Boy Scouts will celebrate its Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill having procured a new high-adventure base, The Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve, near Beckley, West Virginia. This new base covers 10,600 acres and is located adjacent to 70,000 acres of National Park Service land, offering world-class outdoor opportunities when it opens in 2013.

On Tuesday, July 27th, the Postal Service will host the first day of sale for a new 44 cent commemorative stamp entitled "Celebrate Scouting," made possible through bipartisan congressional support of over 300 Representatives and Senators. The stamp, unveiled in November of last year, will be dedicated by the Boy Scouts at the National Jamboree on Tuesday.

Additionally, the National Postal Museum will be hosting a Congressional Stamp Exhibit at the Rayburn House Office Building from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on July 28 and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on July 29/30. In collaboration with the Boy Scouts of America, I will be hosting an exhibit on the "2010 Celebrate Scouting" stamp.

As an additional token of celebration, I was proud to have introduced H.R. 5872, the Boy Scouts of American Centennial Commemora-

tive Coin Act, which was signed into law by President George W. Bush on October 8, 2008. In accordance with the legislation, the United States Mint produced 350,000 Silver Dollar coins in celebration of the Boy Scouts centennial anniversary. Each having a \$10 surcharge equally matched by private funds, this bill raised \$7 million for Scouts in hard to serve areas. After only 12 short weeks these coins sold out, a remarkable success for spreading the joys of Scouting.

This Friday, I am proud to host 11 troops made up of over 500 Scouts from the Dallas area to Washington, DC. I have the pleasure of meeting them on their historic journey to the Jamboree, showing them through the Capitol, and providing them insight into the government of our nation. In this historic year, I ask everyone to join in the celebration of this monumental occasion, and congratulate the Boy Scouts of America on their centennial anniversary.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND PUBLIC SERVICE OF ANTONIO L.  
"TONY" NUNES, SR.

**HON. DEVIN NUNES**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 22, 2010*

Mr. NUNES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and public service of Antonio L. "Tony" Nunes, Sr., a life-long farmer and community leader.

Tony was born on August 16, 1915 in Rio Vista, California to Antonio and Mary Nunes. He graduated Adult School and obtained his high school diploma in 1983, 50 years after initially leaving high school due to the death of his father. Tony went into the dairy business with his brother Joe in 1943 in Pixley, California. His sons Tony, Jr. and Patrick entered the Nunes Brother Dairy Business in 1976. Tony retired in 1988 and moved to Tulare.

In addition to running the dairy, Tony was an active member of the community. He was on the Tulare District Hospital Foundation Board, a lifetime member of the Tulare Historical Society, a World Ag Expo volunteer, part of the Tulare County Fair Board for over 32 years, Tulare County Farmer of the Year in 1968, and Tulare Dairy Family of the Year in 1992. He was also an active member of the Roon Kiwanis Club, Tulare Cabrillo Civic Club, Mosquito Board, California Poling Review Board, and the Tulare City Planning Commission.

Tony loved life and traveled with his wife, Mary, to many parts of the world. He is survived by his wife of 72 years, six children, 14 grandchildren, and 17 great grand-children.

I knew Tony personally. He was a dedicated dairy farmer, and had a positive impact on all who knew him. His values and commitment to agriculture in the San Joaquin Valley will live on through his family and friends, and in the community he nobly served.

JOYCE ROGERS POST OFFICE  
BUILDING

SPEECH OF

**HON. JOHN D. DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 20, 2010*

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 5341, legislation I have introduced on behalf of my friend and colleague from Michigan, Congressman MIKE ROGERS (MI-08). The bill would name the postal facility on Orndorff Drive in Brighton Michigan, the "Joyce Rogers Post Office Building."

Joyce Rogers, the late mother of Congressman MIKE ROGERS, passed away at her Brighton, Michigan home on November 4, 2009 at the age of 78.

Joyce Rogers was a long-time Brighton resident and a tireless public servant, devoting much of her time to the betterment and economic development of the Brighton community. As executive director of the Greater Brighton Area Chamber of Commerce, Joyce Rogers played an integral role in building the business organization into the area's most important political and business networking organization. Through her efforts, Brighton was transformed into a thriving business community, attracting new residents and customers to the area. In addition to being a small business advocate, Joyce Rogers always remembered her role as a leader, taking time to serve her community by acting as a mentor to Brighton women. She has left a lasting impression on the Brighton business community and imparted on her community the importance of public service.

Mr. Speaker, the Michigan delegation has thrown its support behind Congressman ROGERS. Every member of the delegation is an original cosponsor of H.R. 5341. I urge the rest of my House colleagues to show their support for Congressman ROGERS, whose mother accomplished much, both in the public sphere and in her private life as a devoted wife of 57 years and mother of three. I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 5341.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR PAUL  
COVERDELL

**HON. PHIL GINGREY**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 22, 2010*

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the late Paul Coverdell, the former United States Senator from Georgia, as Sunday marked the 10th anniversary of his death. Senator Coverdell was known to be a fair and honest statesman, and I always admired him for those traits along with his reputation for being a voice of reason in the Senate. Many of my colleagues from Georgia say that he wasn't a man of many words—but he always meant what he said and followed up on his promises.

Senator Coverdell was accomplished in his trade on many different levels. Before coming to the U.S. Senate, Paul spent 19 years representing the best interests of Georgians in the State Senate, where he served as the Minority Leader, and as the Chairman of the

Georgia GOP. It was during this time that Paul met and formed a friendship with then-Governor George H. W. Bush—who would later appoint Coverdell to serve as the Peace Corps Director when he became President.

In 1992, Coverdell was elected to the U.S. Senate, where he was influential on many different committees. Under the slogan "Coverdell Works," Paul became the first Republican from Georgia ever to be re-elected to the U.S. Senate. In his second term as Senator, he created the Coverdell Education Savings Accounts, also known as the "Coverdell Plans." These accounts have allowed millions of students to save money and then withdraw it later—tax free—in order to fund their college educations.

Senator Coverdell left a lasting impression on both the State of Georgia and the Nation—and I am honored to have known and worked with him. He understood the importance of compromise, and was very well respected and liked by people of all political persuasions. We miss him to this day, and my thoughts and prayers are with Senator Coverdell's wife Nancy this week.

#### A TRIBUTE TO CHARLES E. KRUSE

### HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, the United States is blessed in many ways, but the ingenuity, patriotism, and character of the people who make up the fabric of our country are the greatest of our strengths. The characteristics of our people—the values we learn from our fathers, mothers, grandparents, and siblings—help to define American leadership. Outstanding American leaders walk among us each day.

One such American leader is the current president of the Missouri Farm Bureau Federation, Missouri National Guard Brigadier General (Retired) Charlie Kruse, who with his wife Pam have become dear friends of mine through the years. I learned this week that Charlie plans to retire from the Farm Bureau after serving as its president since 1992. While his retirement will be a loss to the Farm Bureau family and to those of us in Congress who work with him, I know that Charlie and Pam will continue serving the people of Missouri and the farmers and military personnel who call the Show-Me State home.

Charlie is a native of Dexter, Missouri, located in the southeastern portion of the state. He is an Eagle Scout who earned that rank in 1959 and then went on to graduate in 1963 from Dexter High School. Charlie and Pam continue to farm in Dexter.

Charlie graduated in 1967 from Arkansas State University with a degree in agronomy and graduated in 1973 with a Masters of Science in Agronomy from Missouri University. As a distinguished graduate from Mizzou, I know Charlie must have been thrilled when in 1983, Missouri Governor Kit Bond appointed him to the University of Missouri Board of Curators.

In 1985, Missouri Governor John Ashcroft honored Charlie by appointing him to his cabinet as Missouri Director of Agriculture. In 1990, he became the only Missourian to serve

on President George H. W. Bush's Council on Rural America and was appointed to the Inter-governmental Advisory Committee of U.S. Trade Representative Carla A. Hills.

In 1991, Charlie became executive vice president of the North American Equipment Dealers Association but resigned that post in August 1992 to seek the presidency of the Missouri Farm Bureau Federation. Charlie was elected president of the Missouri Farm Bureau that year.

During his tenure as Missouri Farm Bureau president, Charlie has been a state and national leader in agricultural policy making and has well represented the interests of Show-Me State farmers during Congressional farm bill debates. He has served as a member of the Executive Committee of the U.S. Meat Export Federation; the Commission on 21st Century Production Agriculture; the Agricultural Technical Advisory Committee for Trade in Grains, Feed, and Oilseeds; the Missouri State Government Review Commission; the Missouri Plant Biotechnology Advisory Committee; and President George W. Bush's Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiations. Charlie has also served as chairman of the American Farm Bureau's Task Force on the U.S. Livestock Industry; chairman of the American Farm Bureau's Trade Advisory Committee; and a member of the board of directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation (FARMER MAC).

Charlie's agricultural career has been paralleled by a career in military uniform. In 1967, Charlie enlisted in the Missouri Army National Guard as an infantryman. He worked his way through the ranks from Private to Brigadier General. As a general officer in the Missouri Army National Guard, Charlie served as Assistant Adjutant General of Missouri. Charlie retired from the Army in 1993 after 26 years of distinguished service. We owe him and his family a debt of gratitude for his military service.

Because of his outstanding leadership, Charlie holds many awards and honors. But, despite these accolades, I expect Charlie's top honor is being a husband and a father.

Madam Speaker, I wish Charlie, Pam, and their family all the best as they transition into a new chapter of life. I know my colleagues in the House will join me in expressing a debt of gratitude to them.

#### OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

### HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$13,237,494,446,894.52.

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 \$2,554,068,701.72 so far this Congress.

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

#### INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION TO ENSURE RISK ASSESSMENT AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE PREPAREDNESS FOR OFFSHORE DRILLING

### HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. SARBANES. Madam Speaker, the BP Deepwater Horizon disaster is a terrible reminder of the inherent safety, environmental, and economic risks associated with offshore drilling. This tragedy claimed the lives of 11 people and released millions of gallons of crude oil into the Gulf of Mexico, forcing people out of work, devastating beaches and fisheries for years to come, and impacting our food supply.

BP's so-called response plan to deal with such a disaster was a farce: it listed a wildlife expert that had been deceased since 2005 and said that sensitive biological resources in the Gulf included walrus, sea otters, sea lions and seals, none of which actually live there. BP also stated that it could handle a worst case oil discharge scenario 10 times the size of the Deepwater Horizon disaster.

These glaring flaws in its response plan make it abundantly clear that BP did not take the permitting process seriously. There was virtually no thought or time put into developing these plans and certainly no accountability.

Today I am introducing legislation to ensure that risk assessment and emergency response preparedness for offshore drilling are more than an exercise in pushing paper. My legislation would require the chief executive officer of each offshore drilling and production operation under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to annually certify (1) the demonstrated capability of the operation's exploration and production plans to respond immediately and effectively to the worst-case oil spill in real-world conditions; and (2) that each plan, to their knowledge, is an accurate and effective response to a worst-case oil spill in real-world conditions, under risk of personal civil penalties.

Ever since the BP Deepwater Horizon well began spewing oil into the Gulf of Mexico, executives from BP have repeatedly excused their inability to seal the well by describing the difficult circumstances in which they are operating. I am willing to acknowledge that, because the well is 5,000 feet below the surface, effectively stopping the flow of oil is a technological challenge. But I believe these are all things that should have been considered before BP began drilling the well. And I believe that if company executives are accountable for the content of their proposals to address these safety concerns, one of two things will happen. Either they will ensure that they do have an effective and realistic response capability to an oil spill. Or they will not drill the well.

This tragedy is a game-changing event. We must reevaluate our policy on offshore drilling emergency response preparedness and bring accountability to risk assessment and the planning process. This legislation would go a long way toward ensuring our offshore drilling operations have thoughtful, accurate, and useful response plans.

Offshore drilling operations, no matter how technologically advanced, can never completely eliminate the risk of a major disaster