

secure more funding for research and clinical trials.

Since 1996, the Patient Advocate Foundation has advocated for patients who are working through the complexities of a serious illness while navigating through health insurance red tape, selecting the right treatment options for them and their family, while dealing with possible financial problems that arise due to the chosen method of treatment and addressing care giver stress. The Foundation gives hope to many patients and their families on a daily basis. Its number one goal is to get patients the necessary treatment after they are diagnosed with cancer or other life-threatening diseases. Through the Virginia Cares for the Uninsured program, VCUP, the Patient Advocate Foundation provides assistance to individuals who have been diagnosed with a chronic illness but do not have health insurance to pay for treatment or cannot afford treatment. The goal of the Foundation is to connect these individuals with doctors and facilities that will donate treatment services or accept reduced fees while ensuring the patient gets all necessary treatment. The advocacy efforts and community connections of Nancy and John, the executive board of directors, staff and volunteers at the Patient Advocate Foundation are often critical in making this happen.

Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Nancy Davenport-Ennis, president and CEO, the executive board of directors, the staff and volunteers of the Patient Advocate Foundation on the opening of the Foundation's new headquarters in Hampton, Virginia. The Patient Advocate Foundation's executive board of directors includes directors from Virginia as well as national directors including Admiral Deborah Parham Hopson, appointed to serve this year on the Federal Coordinating Council. Three national non-profit patient advocacy organizations are represented on the executive board of directors by Dr. Lovell Jones, co-founder of the Intercultural Cancer Council; Dr. Alan Balch of the Preventive Health Partnership, a collaborative of the American Heart Association, American Diabetes Association and the American Cancer Society; and Venus Gines, executive director and founder of the Dia de la Mujer Latina, Inc. The Foundation's support is partially derived from national non-profit organizations in the United States including the American Cancer Society, Lance Armstrong Livestrong, the Leukemia Lymphoma Society and the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Support over the years has also come from the Centers for Disease Control, the federal appropriations process, the Commonwealth of Virginia and by the Foundation's annual fundraiser in Hampton Roads, where it receives strong support from the business community.

Madam Speaker, with the assistance of 180 full-time employees in their national headquarters in Hampton Roads, a corporate foundation office in San Diego, California, and with satellite locations in Iowa, Florida, North Carolina, New York and Nevada, the Foundation successfully closed 55,364 cases of patients diagnosed with chronic, debilitating and/or life-threatening conditions just last year. The Foundation provides services in both English and Spanish with special national outreach programs to underserved populations, specifically, the African American community and the Hispanic and Latino communities. Additionally,

the Foundation serves the Asian population and Pacific Islanders.

Madam Speaker, access to quality, affordable health care is critical to the well being of our country, today and in the future. While we have accomplished a tremendous feat by passing the health care reform bill this year, we still have much more work to do in Congress and on Main Street U.S.A. I believe the work that the Foundation does is key to fixing our health care system not only in Virginia, but nationwide. It is imperative that we have organizations like the Patient Advocate Foundation to assist the chronically ill through the health care system by helping them get insurance coverage, medical assistance and medication.

Again, I commend the Foundation for all of the work that it has done for the citizens of the 3rd district of Virginia and wish it continued success in its new home.

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**HONORING THE VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA ON THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MAPLEWOOD CARE CENTER, AND THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HOMESTEAD ASSISTED LIVING CENTER**

**HON. BETTY McCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 28, 2010*

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to congratulate the Volunteers of America on the 40th anniversary of the Maplewood Care Center, and the 15th anniversary of The Homestead Assisted Living Center. These centers provide a caring community through assisted living housing, short-term rehabilitation, long-term care and dementia care for senior citizens.

The Volunteers of America are a national, non-profit organization that has been active in Minnesota for 114 years. Providing quality community programs and services to those in need for over a century has made them a leader among Minnesota's human service organizations.

A dedication to caring for Minnesota's seniors led the Volunteers of America to open the doors of its Maplewood Minnesota Care Center in 1970. This quality center has provided my community with skilled nursing care for individuals with chronic diseases and for those recovering from illness or injury. In addition to participating in both the Medicare and Medicaid programs. Joining the Maplewood Care Center, on what is now known as the Volunteers of America Maplewood Campus, in 1995, The Homestead Assisted Living Center provides care and an atmosphere of independence for seniors. An on-site Dementia Support group provides support for families with loved ones with dementia.

I commend Volunteers of America for their commitment to Minnesota seniors and for their dedication to providing compassionate, quality care, and housing for those in need.

Madam Speaker, in honor of Volunteers of America, I am pleased to submit this statement.

TRIBUTE TO EDWARD M. CUNNINGHAM

**HON. MARION BERRY**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 28, 2010*

Mr. BERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise here today to pay tribute to Edward M. Cunningham. On July 19th, 2010 the cause of justice in America and Arkansas lost one of its faithful servants, Edward M. Cunningham of Jonesboro, Arkansas.

After completing special agent training in the FBI, Edward Cunningham dutifully served for over 30 years in law enforcement. He was also a United States Navy Veteran following his service in World War II. His stations would take him to San Francisco in 1951, Little Rock in 1964, Blytheville in 1967, and Jonesboro in 1971. These cities were made safer and their futures brighter by his work and dedication.

He would employ these many years of expertise in his tenure as Chief of Police in Jonesboro from 1979 until his retirement in 1987. Even after his retirement he continued his work by helping to educate the next generation of law enforcement agents by teaching Criminology at Arkansas State University.

A cancer survivor of 51 years, he pledged his time and efforts to encourage and support those battling cancer through his work with the St. Bernard's Auxiliary. Edward Cunningham was a magnanimous individual and a beloved member of his community.

I send Edward's family my deepest condolences for their loss, and hope they can find some comfort in the thought of the powerful and positive mark he left on the communities he served. I ask today of my fellow colleagues that we stand and honor the legacy of Mr. Edward Cunningham.

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**OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT**

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 28, 2010*

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$13,258,280,104,675.66.

On January 6, 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 \$2,619,854,358,381.86 so far this Congress.

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

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**COMMEMORATING THE TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS**

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 28, 2010*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 36th anniversary of the Turkish invasion and continuing occupation of the

northern part of Cyprus. Since then, Cypriots have suffered from the division of their country and countless violations of their human rights by Turkish occupation forces. Even today, there is one Turkish soldier for every 2 Cypriots, making Cyprus one of the most heavily militarized places on Earth. It is important that we recognize not only the anniversary of the invasion, but also the island's ongoing problems at the hands of Turkey.

On July 20, 1974, Turkish troops unlawfully occupied the northern part of Cyprus with a heavily-armed force that maintains control of 37 percent of Cyprus today. This has resulted in the usurpation and exploitation of Cypriot property, as well as the creation of hundreds of thousands of refugees. Additionally, an influx of Turkish immigrants has settled into the evicted Cypriots' homes, permanently altering the demographics of Cyprus and outnumbering native Cypriots by two to one. The UN has passed a multitude of resolutions calling for Turkish withdrawal from Cyprus, but they have been continually ignored.

As Cyprus has always been a reliable partner of the United States, we must not forget the injustices suffered by its people. We must uphold the ideals of freedom, democracy, justice, human rights, and the international rule of law. By invading Cyprus, Turkey is in direct offense to all of these. As much as we would rather have no such grievance to recognize, it is important that we commemorate these injustices today.

I urge my colleagues to join me in expressing the hope that Cyprus will be reunified soon and that peace will return to this beautiful and historic land in the eastern Mediterranean.

IN MEMORY OF DORILL WRIGHT

### HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 28, 2010*

Mr. GALLEGLY. Madam. Speaker, I rise in memory of Dorill Wright, a close, personal friend of my wife, Janice, and me, who passed away on Sunday.

Dorill served as Mayor of Port Hueneme, California, from 1974–1990 and served as a city councilman and planning commissioner before that. He decided to run for office, he said, because if you're unhappy with government, you should do something about it. It was that same philosophy that led me to my first run for public office.

A member of the Christian Church of Oxnard, Dorill and Jacquelyn, his wife of 63 years, believed in God, community and family and devoted their efforts to all three.

Born and raised in Missouri, Dorill served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. After college, the Navy hired Dorill and four other engineers to form a research laboratory for structures with electrical check equipment.

In 1950, the staff and laboratory were transferred to the Port Hueneme Naval Construction Battalion Center and in 1957 Dorill transferred to Point Mugu. There he served as a field and design engineer and was later named head of the technical support department.

In 1965, Dorill moved his family to Port Hueneme and Dorill started his long and lasting impact on the city. He joined the Chamber of

Commerce, was appointed to the city Planning Commission, was elected to the City Council in 1970, and served on the California Coastal Commission, the Oxnard-Port Hueneme Wastewater Treatment Authority and the Ventura County Association of Governments.

The dedication and love Dorill gave to Port Hueneme was reciprocated when the city named the cultural center in his honor.

Jacqueline passed away in 2005. Surviving Dorill are his three daughters, Valory Wright-Pietruszenko, and her husband, George; Jacquelyn Jay, and her husband, William; and Dorilan Arko, and her husband, Ron; seven grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I know my colleagues will join Janice and me in offering our condolences to the Wright family, and in remembering a remarkable man whose life of service will live on in all those whose lives he touched.

### VIET BAO DAILY NEWS' 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WRITING ON AMERICA AWARD

#### HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 28, 2010*

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Viet Bao Daily News' 10th Anniversary of the Writing on America Award. In 2000, Viet Bao Daily News established the Writing on America Award with one simple mission—to create an opportunity for Vietnamese people to share their individual experiences.

The writing competition soon turned into a grand annual award celebration, and then became a uniting set of stories for thousands of Vietnamese people. The initial objective of the writing contest was to preserve the Vietnamese language and cultural values. However, the impact exceeded Viet Bao's initial expectation. The writings have become more than just a compilation of shared, collective philosophical values—they are a means to preserve historical values.

I applaud Viet Bao Daily News for these important achievements. I would also like to congratulate all of the winners and participants, who have contributed countless inspiring stories on their experiences and journey to assimilate in American society. I look forward to seeing the future contributions that Viet Bao Daily News will make to this great country.

### HONORING THE VEILLEUX/VIGUE FAMILY REUNION

#### HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 28, 2010*

Mr. MICHAUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Maine Veilleux/Vigue Family Reunion which takes place on September 11, 2010 at the St. John Regional Catholic School in Winslow, Maine.

The history of Maine is rich with the stories of Franco-American heritage. As residents of Maine for many generations, the Veilleux and Vigue family history is intertwined with the history of Maine.

In 1658, Nicolas Verieul, the Veilleux/Vigue family patriarch, immigrated to Canada, and in 1665, he and Marguerite Hyardin, his wife, began the Verieul family. Eventually, many Verieul descendants moved to Maine to become integral parts of the seasonal labor workforce in the early 1800's and permanent residents of Maine in the mid to late 1800's.

The Veilleux/Vigue family history is a story of hard work and significant achievement. Many descendants of Nicolas and Marguerite Verieul have founded their own businesses and thrived as entrepreneurs in the State of Maine. Members of the family have been homemakers, service members, doctors and business owners. What marks them all is their dedication to family, community and hard work.

With their family reunion, the Veilleux/Vigue family has great cause for celebration. For generations, their pioneering family has prospered in Maine and helped make our state a better place. This occasion is a chance to honor the past generations for their sacrifices to give their children a better life today and look ahead to the bright future of the Veilleux/Vigue family.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the hard work, dedication and accomplishments of the Veilleux/Vigue family for their reunion September 11, 2010.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. DEAN HELLER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 28, 2010*

Mr. HELLER. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 474, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

### SURFACE TRANSPORTATION EARMARK RESCISSION, SAVINGS AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

SPEECH OF

#### HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 27, 2010*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Surface Transportation Earmark Rescission, Savings and Accountability Act, and commend my colleague Rep. Betsy Markey for bringing this legislation to the floor today.

Consistent with the Democratic majority's commitment to budget discipline, this bill rescinds unobligated funding for 309 earmarks contained in previous surface transportation authorizations, saving taxpayers \$713 million. While some only like to talk about fiscal responsibility, we are actually delivering it, scrutinizing the budget line by line to find savings for the American taxpayer.

Mr. Speaker, this is good government legislation. It's common sense legislation. It's what our constituents expect of us. And it's part of the Democratic agenda to bring real and responsible budget discipline back to Washington, DC.

I urge a "yes" vote.