

Obama's pledge that the funding for our actions in Iraq and Afghanistan would be done through the usual appropriations process. By passing this unfunded bill, we will be adding tens of billions of dollars in new debt. I cannot support such reckless policy.

Further, the bill does not include funding that is essential to stop massive layoffs among teachers and other public servants we count on. The recession that began in 2008—the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression—has hit our communities hard, forcing school districts to layoff teachers and cut services. Previously, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act made several sound investments in public education to keep teachers in the classroom and help school districts avoid painful cuts.

Most, if not all, of this emergency funding has been spent.

I cannot in good conscience vote for a bill that is so at odds with the most basic of our values, and I urge my colleagues to join me in voting against it.

RECOGNIZING N. PATRICK RANGE,  
SR.

**HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 30, 2010*

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize and congratulate Mr. N. Patrick Range, Sr., a friend as well as a constituent in my Congressional district and recipient of this year's Robert H. Miller Professional of the Year Award. He will be honored by the National Funeral Directors and Mortician's Association during its 2010 convention in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Mr. Range is the third Floridian nominated for the award, named after Mr. Miller, the first NFDMA executive director. It is because of his outstanding service and commitment that he undoubtedly deserves this great honor for his many years of devotion to the South Florida community.

"He's had a significant role in supporting colleagues and in serving the community in a comparable manner," said Henry Postell, president of the Florida Mortician Association. "Professionalism is there regardless of the families' financial situation."

Mr. Range is the current owner of Range Funeral Homes of Greater Miami, founded in 1953. He has been in the funeral industry as a licensed funeral director and embalmer for over 50 years. He obtained his license in 1965 after matriculating at the New England Institute of Anatomy following the death of his father and founder of Range Funeral Homes, Oscar L. Range, Sr., in 1960.

After obtaining his license, Mr. Range returned to Miami to partner with "my mentor, my guide, my inspiration, my mom," M. Athalie Range, in a relationship that would last 45 years in the family-owned funeral home. After his mother's death in 2006, Mr. Range continued his parents' legacy as the principal of Range Funeral Homes.

A member of the Epsilon Nu Delta Mortuary Fraternity, Mr. Range also serves on the advisory board of the Miami-Dade College Department of Funeral Service Education. An active member in a host of other professional organizations, Mr. Range was most recently recog-

nized by his peers as the "Mortician of the Year" in 2006 by both the First Regional District of Florida and the State of Florida Mortician's Association. He has done an abundant of fundraising work for mortuary science scholarships and career-related organizations, such as 100 Black Women in Funeral Service.

Madam Speaker, Mr. N. Patrick Range, Sr. is an inspiration not only to the South Florida community, but to the nation at large. Morticians provide a service like no other. The care and dedication you provide our loved ones before their homegoing services stay in our hearts and minds forever. Please join me in applauding the achievements of Mr. Range.

#### EXPLANATION REGARDING SUBMISSION OF AMENDMENTS TO COMMITTEES

**HON. BRAD SHERMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 30, 2010*

Mr. SHERMAN. Madam Speaker, I should note that I sometimes submit amendments to committees so that they are available for discussion. I do not necessarily support any amendment drafted by myself and my staff unless I formally offer the amendment. Accordingly, no conclusion can be drawn from the process of simply providing the text of a possible amendment to the clerk of any committee.

HONORING JOSEPH H. HAMILTON

**HON. JIM COOPER**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 30, 2010*

Mr. COOPER. Madam Speaker, to a boy from Louisiana, the building blocks of life are food, faith, and a healthy dose of Southern hospitality. Joseph Hamilton, grew up to learn that our world is not so simple.

By January 2010 Hamilton had played a crucial role in an astounding discovery. He helped find something that no one knew existed. His work was critical in forming a multinational research team, and carrying out the discovery of Element 117—Ununseptium—the newest addition to the Periodic Table of Elements.

Hamilton's life started like that of any southern boy. Born in the humble town of Ferriday, Louisiana, he stayed true to his Baptist upbringing. He attended Christian Mississippi College, where God's calling led him to be a physicist. Hamilton then took his studies to Indiana University, where he studied nuclear physics and the elements. Their tiny atoms and their nuclei are invisible except to a select group of scientists with very advanced equipment. For everyone outside this elite group, the existence of atoms and their nuclei is purely a matter of faith. The only way to observe individual atoms of elements is through their impact on the world.

A skeptic may say that Christianity and physics, the two most important parts of Hamilton's life, cannot coexist, but Hamilton disagrees. He has pursued his passion without abandoning his beliefs, and has found that the

two go gracefully hand in hand. As a professor at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee, he and his wife have coauthored more than twenty papers on the harmony of physics and religion.

Professor Hamilton has dedicated himself to the growth of his students. Recognizing that they will soon take his place in research, Hamilton has supervised over 60 PhD dissertations and over 100 post-doctoral fellows at Vanderbilt. He includes his students in almost everything he does. One of his few regrets in his storied career is that he did not intimately involve his students in the discovery of Element 117.

Hamilton's research career at Vanderbilt over the last fifty-two years has taken him around the world. Russia, China, Sweden, and Germany have been but a few stops on his journeys. The creation of Element 117 in Dubna, Russia, just north of Moscow, was the result of a multinational project that Hamilton helped create. He believes that scientific discovery is a global effort, not a local one. Collaboration is key because science is one of the few things that unite us all in peaceful ways. Scientific principles apply around the world, regardless of race, creed, and nationality.

The first collaborative project that Hamilton initiated, the University Isotope Separator, has been a key operation at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory for more than forty years. This began as a collaboration of 11 South-eastern universities, ORNL and the State of Tennessee. Hamilton is also a founder of the Joint Institute for Heavy Ion Research, a co-operation of Vanderbilt, the University of Tennessee, and Oak Ridge National Laboratory. This Institute has become a world-class scientific resource. Moreover, this Institute opened doors that helped transform ORNL through the development of three major new joint institutes.

By January 2010, Hamilton's critical role in a joint Russian-American project came to fruition in the creation of six atoms of Element 117. While this new radioactive element has a half-life of only 78 milliseconds faster than the blink of an eye—its discovery points towards a fascinating possibility. Its half-life is longer than that of other recently discovered super heavy elements, and suggests that we may be on the path towards finding new, more stable, super heavy elements.

Hamilton and his coworkers' discovery will be forever emblazoned on the walls of chemistry and physics labs worldwide as the newest member of the Periodic Table of Elements. Generations of scientists will discover Element 117's properties, but no matter what is learned about Element 117, this Southern gentleman will always know that his work added to the building blocks of our world.

CONGRATULATING MAJOR GENERAL ROBERT WILLIAMS ON HIS RETIREMENT

**HON. TODD RUSSELL PLATTS**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 30, 2010*

Mr. PLATTS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Major General Robert Williams, 47th Commandant of the United States Army

War College. Just last month, Major General Williams retired after serving our nation admirably for 36 years.

Major General Williams is a highly decorated officer who served in a number of combat and non-combat assignments. His assignments included: Tank Company Commander in the 4th Battalion, 63d Armor at Fort Riley, Kansas; Executive Officer of the 3d Battalion, 67th Armor at Fort Hood, Texas; Assistant Division Commander (Support) for the 1st Infantry Division in Schweinfurt, Germany; Deputy Chief of Staff, G3/Operations, HQ Allied Command Europe, Rapid Reaction Corps, Moenchengladbach, Germany; and Commanding General of the United States Armor Center at Fort Knox, Kentucky. He was also deployed to Baghdad, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom as the C3 for CJTF-7.

In January 2008, Major General Williams was assigned as the 47th Commandant of the United States Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. I had the distinct privilege to interact regularly with Major General Williams during his tenure at the War College and witnessed first-hand his exemplary leadership. Major General Williams' candor and passion for the Professional Military Education (PME) system helped to strengthen the critically important mission of the War College and thereby enhance the strategic leadership qualities of the College's graduates.

It is with great admiration that I congratulate Major General Williams on his well-deserved retirement and express my heartfelt gratitude for his patriotic service to our nation. I and all Americans are forever indebted to him.

TRIBUTE TO DR. EVIE GARRETT  
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**HON. DIANA DeGETTE**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 30, 2010*

Ms. DEGETTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and exceptional accomplishments of Dr. Evie Garrett Dennis. On August 13, 2010, Dr. Dennis will be honored by the dedication of the Evie Garrett Dennis Campus of the Denver Public Schools. Dr. Dennis served as Superintendent of Denver Public Schools from 1990–1994. She was the first and to date the only African American and woman to hold this position.

Dr. Dennis was born on September 9, 1924, in Canton, Mississippi, the eighth of nine children born to Mrs. Ola Brown Garrett and Rev. Eugene Garrett. A graduate of Cameron Street High School, she married in 1950 and her daughter Pia was born in 1951. After earning her bachelor's degree in Biology from St. Louis University, she worked as a research assistant and associate. In 1958, Dr. Dennis and her daughter moved to Denver, Colorado, where she worked as a researcher and specialist in childhood asthma at the Children's Asthma Research Institute and Hospital, the Jewish National Home for Asthmatic Children, and other medical institutions in the area.

In 1966, Dr. Dennis began her tenure with the Denver Public Schools (DPS) as a math teacher. After earning a Master's degree in education from the University of Colorado in 1971, she worked in the DPS administration. In 1974, she successfully implemented and

monitored the U.S. District Court ordered school busing plan. In 1976, she earned a doctorate in education from Nova University. From 1977 to 1989, she served as administrative assistant to the Superintendent of Schools. She was appointed to the position of Deputy Superintendent of DPS in 1989.

In 1990, Dr. Evie Dennis became Superintendent of the DPS. Under her leadership, four innovative educational programs were launched in the district's schools: Expeditionary Learning in partnership with the Upward Bound Program; the Denver School of the Arts; the K–5 International Baccalaureate Program; and the International Studies Program at West High School. She implemented site-based management practices in the system's schools and started the district's educational advisory councils; the Denver Energy, Engineering and Education Program (DEEP); and, the American Israel Student Exchange Program.

Dr. Dennis is also known for the contributions she has made to Denver and the broader world. In 1986 and 1988, Denver Mayor Federico appointed her to the Denver Private Industry Council and the Mayor's Black Advisory Council. In 1994, she received the Nation Builder Award from the National Black Caucus of State Legislators. She received the Russell T. Tutt Award for Excellence in Leadership for Outstanding Leadership in Colorado's non-profit community in 1999 from the El Pomar Foundation.

Dr. Dennis is a multifaceted, dedicated, and talented woman whose contributions to amateur athletics and the International Olympics are recognized internationally. In 1962, she helped to form the Denver All-Stars which became the Mile High Denver Track Club, in order for her daughter to have opportunities to compete in an era before the existence of a girls' high school track program.

The team was a member of the Amateur Athletic Union, which later became the United States Amateur Athletic Union. Dr. Dennis was a member of the Rocky Mountain Association of the Amateur Athletic Union in 1975. In 1978, she was elected the first female vice-president of the national association. Dr. Dennis served USA Track and Field, Inc. for more than four decades in numerous capacities, including as its first acting president. She has served as a member of the board of Trustees for the U.S. Sports Academy and the USA Track and Field, Inc., and delegate to the International Association of Athletics Federations.

She was the first woman vice president of the United States Olympic Organizing Committee (USOOC) and has been involved with every U.S. Olympics team since 1972. She became a manager of the U.S. Women's Track and Field team for the Montreal Olympics in 1976. She served on the United States Olympic Committee's Task Force on Doping and chaired the Women's and Diversity and Leadership committees. She remains a member of the Governing Bodies Council and became a member of the International Olympic Committee in 1992.

In 1977, as a member of the USOOC, she presented the successful motion to move the headquarters from New York to Colorado Springs, Colorado, which was accomplished in 1978. In 1980, she received the Congressional Gold Medal along with the U.S. Olympic Team. She served as Chef de Mission for the

U.S. delegation at the 1998 Summer Olympic Games in Seoul, South Korea. In 1992, she received the Olympic Order for outstanding service to the Olympic cause. In 2004, she was inducted in to the United States Olympic Track and Field Hall of Fame.

Dr. Dennis has authored several papers and articles on public education and childhood asthma. She is a staunch supporter of Title IX, ensuring access to sports for young women. She has been recognized for her many volunteer contributions to various committees, associations, organizations, foundations, and other groups that focus on the advancement of education and the value of sports in our society.

She is a lifetime member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. Dr. Dennis served as president of the Epsilon Nu Omega chapter in Denver and was instrumental in hosting the sorority's national convention in the city in 1972.

Having been inducted into the Colorado Sportswomen Hall of Fame in 1998, Dr. Dennis was then inducted into the Colorado Women's Hall of Fame in 2008 as one who exemplifies the best qualities of the people who have built and sustained Colorado.

Please join me in paying tribute to Dr. Evie Garrett Dennis for her life's work as a distinguished educator, remarkable sportswoman, and global community servant.

IN HONOR OF AND RECOGNITION  
OF THE BOLZAN FAMILY'S 6TH  
REUNION

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 30, 2010*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the Bolzan Family's 6th reunion, which will be held in Cleveland, Ohio from July 31 to August 6, 2010 and to acknowledge the family bonds that span generations and continents.

Over 100 descendants of Benvenuto Antonio and Mathilde De Lorenzi Bolzan will gather from around the world in Cleveland, Ohio to celebrate their unbreakable bonds and unwavering support for each other. In a time of widespread use of cell phones, email, and video communication via the internet, it is important to recognize a family that prioritizes in-person interaction with family members.

Of the six original siblings in this family, one remained in Italy while the others emigrated to Argentina, Luxembourg, France, and the United States. As a result, previous family reunions have taken place across Europe, including Italy during World War II, in France, and in Luxembourg. Many family members have chosen to extend their stays to include visits to other locations around the United States. In addition to sharing their fondest memories and exchanging news and other current events, the family has several tours planned during their visit, including those that will showcase Cleveland's cultural and artistic locations. I would like to particularly recognize Robert Milluzzi of Brecksville, Ohio, who is in charge of all of the arrangements for this memorable event.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in celebrating the Bolzan Family on the occasion of their reunion. May they continue this tradition that celebrates family, love, and commitment to each other for years.