

Housing Authority (NYCHA). In 1967, as chairman of the 600-member housing assistants' local union chapter, he mobilized his co-workers in a strike against NYCHA for better pay and working conditions. The three-day job action led to the agreement by NYCHA officials to the strikers' demands. Haynes later spoke proudly of his role in the strike, the only one in NYCHA's long history. In 1968, Haynes joined the Teamsters' Union Local 237 staff full-time as a business agent and was subsequently promoted to Assistant Director and later Director of the Housing Division. He became a Trustee in 1978, was elected Vice President in 1983, and ascended to the presidency in 1993, succeeding Barry Feinstein. For 14 years, Haynes proved a dynamic leader guided above all by a "members first" philosophy. After truly leaving his mark on the organization, Haynes stepped down as President in 2007 and oversaw the smooth transition of his successor, his friend and colleague Gregory Floyd.

Carl Haynes continued to serve as a Vice President of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters while heading its Public Employees Division until 2009. He sat on the executive boards of the New York State AFL-CIO, the New York City Central Labor Council, and the Municipal Labor Committee, and served as national AFL-CIO Vice President and on the boards of directors of Emblem Health Care System and United Way of New York City. He was a beloved leader adored by his members and admired by all who worked with him.

In memorializing Haynes, Gregory Floyd recalled his "calm demeanor in the face of adversity and his patience at the negotiating table. When it looked like there was no hope in sight, he kept a positive outlook. . . He was a kind and giving man who dedicated his career to helping working men and women." Teamsters national President, Jim Hoffa, said of him, "Under Carl's leadership, the Public Services Division grew tremendously and we are grateful for his dedicated service to our union."

Carl Haynes is survived by his wife, Janice; a son, Jay, of San Antonio; a daughter, Liane, of Los Angeles; and three grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, in recognition of his decades of service to the labor movement and to our nation, I request that my distinguished colleagues join me in paying tribute to Carl Haynes, a proven leader who dedicated his life in service to others.

#### HONORING PAT BELLAMY

#### HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 30, 2010*

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Pat Bellamy. Patrick Bellamy was the Chairman of the Houston Ship Channel also served as a member of the Houston-Harris County Homeland Security Advisory Council and is the retiring Director of the Southwest Public Safety Technology Center at the University of Houston (SWRC). In these roles Mr. Bellamy planned with federal, state and local government entities relative to Homeland Security and related issues.

Mr. Bellamy has been involved with government, information technology, communications

infrastructure deployment and first response for over forty years and has completed AAS, BS and MA degrees. Prior to his retirement from what is now AT&T, Mr. Bellamy was Regional Vice President and Executive Director responsible for Technology Planning, Market Development, Technical Sales/Support, Program Management and Technology Certifications/Assurance.

In his various roles, Mr. Bellamy has deployed a variety of "firsts" as part of planning the St. Louis, San Antonio, Tulsa, Houston, Paris, Chilean and other complex networking and defense systems. He was also involved in a variety of government and industry emergency response teams and in the development of related process-oriented efforts. Mr. Bellamy's organizations also coordinated the implementation and ongoing management of complex technologies for international, national and other industry systems. Similarly, his organization coordinated sensitive government-oriented systems plus implementations for the Economic Summit (G7), the Republican National Convention and other strategic events. He also wrote the technology planning document for the 2012 Olympic Game effort.

While a member of the U.S. Air Force, Mr. Bellamy was educated at Chanute AFB as an electrical-electronics engineer and assisted in the planning, design, implementation, testing, first response and maintenance of guidance and control systems, nuclear payloads, addressing systems, networking systems, first response systems and other functions associated with the strategic Minuteman Inter-continental Ballistic Missile defense system.

Among his community involvement efforts, Patrick Bellamy was the Founder of the UH Cullen College of Engineering's Houston InfoComm Technology Initiative and co-Founder of the Houston Area Technology Advancement Center. Similarly, Mr. Bellamy has been a board member of the Houston READ Commission and has also served as the Chairman of the Executive Board for the Gulf Coast Alliance for Minorities in Engineering. Mr. Bellamy currently serves on a number of public/private advisory boards. Along these lines, Mr. Bellamy played a leading role in the creation and development of the Houston Ship Channel Security of District. And, with the assistance of HSC2, local governments, the Houston Ship Channel Security District Board, Houston Ship Channel Industry Participants (including EHCMA), HSC2, the Port of Houston Authority, the USCG and other key players, led the transition process associated with the evolution of this "first-of-its-kind" key Homeland Security-oriented effort.

And so it is with great pleasure that I recognize and congratulate my long time friend, Pat Bellamy.

#### HONORING FREDERIK E. VAZQUEZ

SPEECH OF

#### HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 30, 2010*

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the service and mourn the death of Marine Lance Corporal Frederik E. Vazquez, of Melrose Park, IL. He was killed Saturday in Helmand Province in

Afghanistan while supporting combat operations. He was just 20 years old.

Erik to his family and Freddy to his friends, Frederik Vazquez was born in Los Angeles, spent his childhood in Northlake and moved to Melrose Park just a few years ago, where he attended Proviso West High School before graduating from West Leyden in 2008.

Erik had wanted to be a Marine since childhood, and enlisted following graduation. His parents remembered a quiet young man who returned from Marine boot camp more reflective and responsible, with an eye toward college after the Marines. I join with those who knew Erik best in mourning the life he lost, and that which could have been.

I extend my heartfelt condolences to Erik's friends, family, and everyone who will miss this young Marine. On behalf of this Congress and the 5th District of Illinois I thank him for his bravery. His country will never forget his service.

#### WYNONNA JUDD

#### HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 30, 2010*

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, the Music City family is known the world over for reaching out and helping up. One of our shining stars, five time GRAMMY award winning artist Wynonna Judd will be awarded the Cecil Scaife Visionary Award for her countless contributions to the Nashville community, and to future generations who wish to pursue a career in the music industry. I rise with friends, artists, and fellow musicians who are gathered to celebrate the many contributions of Wynonna Judd.

I rise also today to thank all those who offer their devotion to the Cecil Scaife Music Business Scholarship. The Cecil Scaife Business Scholarship Endowment provides for an educational scholarship. Named for Arkansas native Cecil Scaife, the award honors Scaife's love of the music industry and his vision to see the formation of an educational program to produce successful musicians, artists, and music business leaders. Working with the great artists of our collective legacy, Charlie Rich, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins, and Johnny Cash, Scaife pioneered the way for future legends of the music business.

Calling Nashville home in 1979, Wynonna continues to leave an indelible mark on the Middle Tennessee community, as well as causes around the world. Devoted to a wide range of needs from children in crisis, to the United Way, and to the men and women who defend our precious freedom, Wynonna participates in assisting over 100 charities per year.

Following consistently her instincts, Wynonna sings the songs of the familiar, the comfortable and the faithful. Her inspirations come from rock, her passions from blues, and her notes from great men and women of music. Her idol list reads like the who's who of the music business. Seven studio albums later, she is still making opposing musical choices the binding notes of her story. Like the icons of country past, Wynonna has not been afraid to shy from the controversial, leading us all to higher growth.

Wynonna's successes are vast: holding multiple gold, platinum, and multi-platinum certificates from RIAA, took her place on the New York Times bestseller list, written with John Rich, covered Elvis, sang for Lilo and Stich, and having seen her notes executed with perfection by figure skating champion Brian Boitano. Awards and causes too many to mention, but championed all with great strength, this Top Female Vocalist of the Year crafts her art with the grace of a prophet and the resilience of a saint. I ask my colleagues to join with me in celebrating Wynonna Judd on receiving the Cecil Scaife Visionary Award as she continues to bring the best of hope to all who listen and dream.

HONORING MAJOR GENERAL  
DOUGLAS BURNETT

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2010

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Florida Air National Guard Major General Douglas Burnett. General Burnett's hard work helped rise through the ranks over the years earning a number of awards over his illustrious career.

Retiring from the Air Force, General Burnett capped his 47 years and 4 month long career as Florida's Adjutant General. Taking the position in November 3, 2001, General Burnett was the first Air Guard officer to preside over Florida's 12,000 member National Guard.

In his opening remarks that November, General Burnett stated, "Let us, as we respond to the national crisis before our nation, seize this opportunity to re-calibrate our priorities and realize that freedom is the common bond among America's diverse culture . . . something that must always be protected . . . something that those who come to America's shores value highest."

General Burnett presided over the Florida National Guard's response to some of region's most severe natural disasters. A record four hurricanes in one year hit Florida in 2004, including Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan, and Jeanne. The following year, General Burnett led the response to Hurricanes Dennis, Wilma, and Katrina. More recently, he set in motion the Florida National Guard's part of bringing aid to earthquake stricken Haiti. After his long years of service, General Burnett earned the respect and admiration from the military and civilian side in efforts to make Florida the best National Guard state in the nation.

The leadership General Burnett demonstrated in these responses was forged over a long career of impressive accomplishments. General Burnett has received the Legion of Merit award with one oak leaf cluster. General Burnett has also received the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Air Force Achievement Medal, and the Combat Readiness Medal with two oak leaf clusters. The Air Force began commending this award in 1958. Locally, he has received the Florida Cross, the Florida Distinguished Service Medal and the Florida Commendation Medal.

Such a noteworthy career began in his hometown of Jacksonville, Florida. After spending some time in military service, he

then went on to graduate from the University of Southern Mississippi with a Bachelor's of Science in Business Administration. After many years in the service, General Burnett later capped off his education by completing work at the Command and General Staff College and the Air War College.

After high school, General Burnett began his military career at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas and Kessler Air Force Base in Mississippi under the Florida Air National Guard. He then started what became a lifelong flying career in 1969 by enrolling in the Undergraduate Pilot Training program at Randolph Air Force Base in Texas. Earning dual qualifications in military and transport aircraft, he took his first assignment as an Alert Pilot in the North American Aerospace Defense Command.

General Burnett also flew commercially for Pan America World Airways and United Airlines until 1996. During his extensive time as a military and commercial pilot, he logged over 20,000 flying hours over 22 years in the F-102, F-106, C-26, C-131, C-13011, Boeing 727, and McDonnell-Douglas DC-10.

General Burnett served on a number of posts. He was the Chairman of the National Guard Bureau's Domestic Operations Advisory Board. He sat on the Reserve Forces Policy Board and is actively involved with the National Guard Association of the United States where he previously served two terms on the Executive Council. He was elected the President of the National Guard Officers Association of Florida in 1993. Finally, General Burnett also served on the Florida Council of 100.

On behalf of the 12th Congressional District and all of Florida, I want to thank General Burnett for his long years of service as a proud member of the Florida Air National Guard. I congratulate him on his successful completion of a 47 years career with the Florida Air National Guard and wish him well in his retirement.

HONORING U.S. AIR FORCE RESERVIST ADAM TOREM AS THE  
2010 HOWARD O. SCOTT CITIZEN-SOLDIER OF THE YEAR

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor U.S. Air Force Reservist Adam Torem, whom the Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce has honored as the 2010 Howard O. Scott Citizen-Soldier of the Year. I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Mr. Torem for this commendable recognition.

Madam Speaker, the Air Force Reserves of the United States Armed Forces have long played an important role in the defense of our country. Originally conceived as a standby force for emergencies, the U.S. Air Force Reserves has been a Major Command of the United States Air Force since 1997. The 67,000-member force has evolved into the Air Force's Wingman, performing the same missions as the Air Force and working side-by-side on the same equipment.

Currently, thousands of reservists are risking their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan, and

their service should be acknowledged with gratitude and immense respect. In many instances, Air Force Reservists maintain full-time professional positions while serving their country as active citizen-soldiers. It is laudable when reservists' contribute to their communities further through additional volunteerism and public service. Unfortunately, reservists' contributions to their communities are often overlooked.

Adam Torem, a U.S. Air Force reservist from University Place, Washington, has successfully balanced his career, his commitment to the Air Force Reserves, and considerable community service. His admirable community involvements have included mentoring young people at his synagogue and coaching young, future engineers in the FIRST LEGO League Challenge.

In addition to his work in shaping future generations, Mr. Torem advocates for service men and women in his community. As a former Chair to the Washington State Bar Association's Legal Assistance to Military Personnel Section, Mr. Torem volunteers for programs that provide free legal advice and counseling on housing and other issues to other members of the Reserve and National Guard. Mr. Torem also uses his experience as an attorney to assist in state legislation, advocating for Washington State's active duty service members. When not on military duty, Mr. Torem serves as an Administrative Law Judge for the Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission.

The 2010 Howard O. Scott Citizen-Soldier of the Year award was presented in partnership by the Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce's Military Affairs Committee and the Kiwanis Club of Tacoma.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate Adam Torem on his many remarkable achievements, his venerable service to his country and community, and the recognition of his many efforts as the 2010 Howard O. Scott Citizen-Soldier of the Year.

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND  
URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND  
RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES A. HIMES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2010

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5850) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, and for other purposes:

Mr. HIMES. Mr. Chair, I rise today to support the Latham Amendment to the Transportation, Housing & Urban Development Appropriations bill. I support this amendment in lieu of the very similar amendment I sponsored to cut unnecessary and duplicative programs in an effort to save taxpayer dollars.

As the economy begins its recovery, it is critical that we begin to get our fiscal house in order. Our nation's deficit grows larger every day; our national debt now tops \$13 trillion.