

Tragically, Keith's brain tumor was diagnosed two days after he married Suzan in 2009.

In addition to Suzan, Keith is survived by two daughters, Dina and Rachel; his parents, Esther and Monroe; brothers, Craig and David; and a sister, Marla

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

HONORING REVEREND EVAN AND
CARRIE JOHNSON HICKS

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 10, 2010

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Whereas, the union of Rev. Evan and Carrie Johnson Hicks in Allendale, South Carolina has blessed us with descendants that have helped to shape our nation; and

Whereas, the Hicks union produced six (6) well respected citizens—four girls and two boys, Eula, Lillie, Josie, Laura, Sammie and Haley—and from these pillars of strength, twenty children were born to make their mark across America; and

Whereas, in our beloved Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, we are honored to have many members of the Hicks family, including Ms. Robin C. Pace, one of our most beloved citizens in our District who resides in Lithonia, Georgia; and

Whereas, family is one of the most honored and cherished institutions in the world, we take pride in knowing that families such as the Hicks family have set aside this time to fellowship with each other, honor one another and to pass along history to each other by meeting at this year's family reunion in DeKalb County, Georgia; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the Hicks family in our District;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim Saturday, July 24, 2010 as Hicks Family Reunion Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 24th day of July, 2010.

CONSOLIDATED LAND, ENERGY,
AND AQUATIC RESOURCES

SPEECH OF

HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2010

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3534) to provide greater efficiencies, transparency, returns, and accountability in the administration of Federal mineral and energy resources by consolidating administration of various Federal energy minerals management and leasing programs into one entity to be known as the Office of Federal Energy and Minerals

Leasing of the Department of the Interior, and for other purposes:

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Chair, I rise today to speak in support of H.R. 3534, the Consolidated Land, Energy, and Aquatic Resources (CLEAR) Act.

The *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill is the worst environmental catastrophe that our nation has ever faced. Unfortunately, this human and environmental catastrophe revealed many shortcomings in our current oil spill pollution and response laws.

Today's vote on the CLEAR Act is an important step towards strengthening our nation's oil spill response and prevention laws. The CLEAR Act contains three critical provisions for which I have advocated.

First, this legislation ensures that oil companies will be responsible for 100% of the cost of cleaning up their mess, and every penny of the damages they cause to Americans. The current liability cap of \$75 million has proven to be grossly inadequate to cover the damage caused by a major offshore oil spill.

Second, immediately following the spill, President Obama and Secretary Salazar took immediate steps to reform the troubled Minerals Management Service (MMS). This legislation codifies those changes to prevent conflicts of interest.

Third, the bill puts in place safety regulations to reduce the risk of catastrophic spills. It requires new regulations on well designs, including blowout preventers, and requires a third party to certify safety plans.

I have concerns, however, regarding the bill's "Requirement of Certification for Responsible Stewardship," which makes the issuance of new Outer Continental Shelf leases contingent on a company avoiding citations from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). I strongly support efforts to protect worker safety in our nation's oil and gas industry and have cosponsored the Protect America's Workers Act to give OSHA the tools it needs to enforce rigorous worker safety laws. I believe that strengthening OSHA and EPA authorities is a more effective way to improve worker safety than threatening oil companies with the loss of revenue from OCS drilling, and I am committed to working with my colleagues in the House to strengthen worker safety in the oil and gas industry.

As a representative from the Puget Sound, I understand how devastating an oil spill would be to a coastal region. I want to do everything possible to prevent an oil spill from occurring in Puget Sound and other areas of the country.

I am committed to continuing to investigate the impacts of this massive environmental disaster and examining the best ways to ensure any future offshore drilling will live up to oil companies' claims of safety and reliability.

IN HONOR OF CAROL HARTUNIAN
GIRVETZ

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 10, 2010

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Carol Hartunian Girvetz of Santa Cruz, California. Carol Hartunian

Girvetz passed away on July 4th, 2010. Carol will be remembered always as a loving mother, loyal wife, and dedicated citizen committed to her community.

Carol Hartunian Girvetz was born in Hollywood in 1946 to Armenian immigrant parents. She spent her early years as a young adult studying Art and English at UC Santa Barbara. After college, she began her career as a teacher and quickly changed paths upon taking a job with Pan American as a flight attendant. During this time, she worked on many R&R flights tending to soldiers from the Vietnam War as they traveled to meet their loved ones back at home, and then returning them back to the battlefield.

After her days of traveling with Pan American, Carol returned to California to begin her new life as a wife and mother. Carol and her first husband Jon raised their two children, Evan and Shyla in the small town of Freedom in Santa Cruz County. Her connection with the community was immediate as she became enmeshed in the community's needs. She served on the Women's Commission and along with several women, started the first shelter for female victims of domestic violence. This achievement would be the first of many in her thirty years of service to Santa Cruz County. Carol most recently retired from the position of Assistant County Administrative Officer, where I had worked with her for years. During this time, Carol built a close and loving relationship with her second husband George Newell. Carol was known by her colleagues for her strong work ethic, great sense of humor, and devotion to public service. She was an extraordinary person and public employee who will always be remembered and missed by her colleagues.

In addition to her work in public service, Carol was also heavily involved in local fine arts in Santa Cruz. She played a large role in the development of the McPherson Center for Art and History. She also served as a board member for such organizations as United Way of Santa Cruz County and Santa Cruz Museum of Art and History, among others. Her hard work has given the community and future generations the opportunity to be immersed in fine arts. Her life is a testament to how the commitment of public service can leave a lasting impact on a community.

Madam Speaker, I ask members of the House to join me in honoring the life of Carol Hartunian Girvetz, and extend our nation's deepest gratitude to her thirty years of service to her community. Carol is survived by her husband, George Newell, son Evan Girvetz, daughter Shyla Girvetz and their father Jon Girvetz. Carol lived sixty-four years of life filled with the love of her family, passion for public service and the arts, and will be greatly missed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN A. BOCCIERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 10, 2010

Mr. BOCCIERI. Madam Speaker, I was not present for the following roll call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

On rollcall No. 454, on H. Con. Res. 292, Supporting the goals and ideals of National

Aerospace Week, and for other purposes, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 450, on H. Res. 1219, Expressing support for designation of September as National Child Awareness Month, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 449, on H. Con. Res. 126, Recognizing the 50th anniversary of Title VI international education programs within the Department of Education, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 448, on H. Res. 1472, Expressing support for designation of the week of September 13, 2010, as National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 372, on H.R. 5297, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 293, on H.R. 5330, To Amend the Antitrust Criminal Penalty Enhancement and Reform Act of 2004 to Extend the Operation of Such Act for a 5-Year Period Ending June 22, 2015, and for Other Purposes, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 292, H.R. 1017, Chiropractic Care Available to All Veterans Act, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 291, H. Con. Res. 278, Expressing the Sense of Congress That a Grateful Nation Supports and Salutes Sons and Daughters in Touch on Its 20th Anniversary That is Being Held on Father's Day, 2010, at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, the District of Columbia, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 213, H. Res. 1271, Honoring the Life and Achievements of Rev. Benjamin Lawson Hooks, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 212, H. Res. 1257, Supporting the Goals and Ideals of National Financial Literacy Month, 2010, and for Other Purposes, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 172, H. Res. 1205, Providing for Consideration of the Bill (H.R. 4849) to Amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to Provide Tax Incentives for Small Business Job Creation, Extend the Build America Bonds Program, Provide Other Infrastructure Job Creation Tax Incentives, and for Other Purposes (On Ordering the Previous Question), I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 153, On Approving the Journal, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 84, H. Res. 699, Expressing the Appreciation of Congress for the Service and Sacrifice of the Members of the 139th Air-lift Wing, Air National Guard, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 50, H.R. 4238, To Designate the Facility of the United States Postal Service Located at 930 39th Avenue in Greeley, Colorado, As the "W.D. Farr Post Office Building", I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 49, H.R. 4425, To Designate the Facility of the United States Postal Service Located at 2-116th Street in North Troy, New York, As the "Martin G. 'Marty' Mahar Post Office", I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 19, H. Res. 1003, Expressing Support for the Designation of January 10,

2010, Through January 16, 2010, As National Influenza Vaccination Week, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 18, H. Res. 1011, Recognizing the Importance of Cervical Health and of Detecting Cervical Cancer During Its Earliest Stages and Supporting the Goals and Ideals of Cervical Health Awareness Month, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 17, H. Res. 990, Expressing Support for Designation of January 2010 As "National Mentoring Month", I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 5, H.R. 3892, To Designate the Facility of the United States Postal Service Located at 101 West Highway 64 Bypass in Roper, North Carolina, As the "E.V. Wilkins Post Office", I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 858, H. Res. 868, Honoring and Recognizing the Service and Achievements of Current and Former Female Members of the Armed Forces, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 381, H.R. 2847, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 109, H.J. Res. 38, Making Further Continuing Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2009, and for Other Purposes, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 108, H.J. Res. 38, Making Further Continuing Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2009, and for Other Purposes, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall No. 107, On Approving the Journal, I would have voted "aye."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 10, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, on Monday, July 26, 2010 I was unavoidably delayed and thus missed rollcall votes No. 467, No. 468, and No. 469. Had I been present I would have voted "nay" on No. 467 and "yea" on No. 468 and No. 469.

On Tuesday, July 27, 2010 I was unavoidably delayed and thus missed rollcall votes No. 470 through No. 475. Had I been present I would have voted "nay" on No. 470 and No. 473 and "yea" on No. 471, No. 472, No. 474, and No. 475.

RECOGNIZING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MANASSAS AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 10, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 20th Anniversary of

the Manassas African American Heritage Festival.

The first Heritage Festival was organized by a group of community leaders who sought to host an event that would feature the unique contributions and diversity of the African American community. Ethnic heritage is often a source of strength and inspiration for individuals seeking their piece of the American dream, and part of the American experience is proudly sharing that heritage with others. The Manassas African American Heritage Festival spotlights, celebrates, and commemorates the roots and rich history of the African American community.

During the past two decades, the Festival has supported organizations and causes that promote African American culture. Colleges, churches, nonprofit organizations, and civic groups are among the attendees. The Festival has awarded "Community Awards for Excellence," purchased and distributed school supplies, encouraged health screenings, and made education a community priority.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commemorating the 20th Anniversary of the Manassas African American Heritage Festival. It is important that we preserve the values and traditions of African American culture and appreciate the indelible mark it has left on our Nation's history.

RECOGNIZING THE NEED FOR TAA BENEFITS

HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 10, 2010

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to provide tangible evidence of the need to rethink the failed trade policies of the past. Bad trade deals result in job losses here at home, as companies decide to outsource to countries that pay their workers mere dollars a day and force them to work in factories with little or no labor or environmental standards.

Bad trade deals are a disaster for the American way of life. As a result of bad trade deals, companies that keep jobs in America get penalized for paying their workers a fair wage and showing concern for their workers' health. Most importantly, bad trade deals hurt the American worker, depriving him of much-needed jobs in an already tough economy.

You need to see nothing more than the list of successful TAA petitions in my district alone to know that these trade policies aren't working. I submit for the record a list compiled by CRS of approved TAA petitions from October 1, 2001, through March 3, 2009.

Madam Speaker, we must rethink the trade policies of the past and do everything we can to protect the American manufacturer and encourage investment in American industry.

TABLE I.—PETITIONS CERTIFIED UNDER THE TAA FOR WORKERS PROGRAM IN PENNSYLVANIA'S 8TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT FROM OCTOBER 1, 2001, THROUGH MARCH 3, 2009

Petition No.	Company name	City	Date of TAA petition decision	Estimated number of workers covered by the certification	Products
63199	Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.	Morrisville	April 30, 2008	96	Specialty Gases
62864	Ametek, Inc.	Sellersville	April 18, 2008	n/a	Electrical and Mechanical Reels
61036	Jones Apparel Group, Inc.	Bristol	July 13, 2007	268	Patterns and Samples for Women's Apparel