

four years later and was appointed as Chief of the Pensacola Police Department, where he remained until his retirement in 2002. Chief Potts' positive impact on the department can be evidenced through the number of projects initiated under his leadership and through the number of improvements made in the Northwest Florida community.

Chief Jerry Potts will forever remain in the hearts and minds of those around him, not only as a cherished and well-respected figure, but as a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He is survived by his middle school sweetheart of 44 years, Linda, their 2 sons Jason and Justin, and their 5 grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am honored to recognize the life and deeds of Chief Jerry W. Potts. A committed community leader and loving family man—he will be missed by many, but his memory will live on through the timeless legacy he left. My wife Vicki joins me in extending our thoughts and prayers to the entire Potts family.

THE WIKILEAKS SCANDAL

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 10, 2010

Mr. HOLT. Madam Speaker, I have taken some time to review some of the previously classified documents on the war in Afghanistan that were published by the WikiLeaks.org website. Before rushing to judgment about this very large, unauthorized disclosure of information, I wanted to review some of the documents myself to determine if indeed potential human sources of information had been compromised. After reviewing some of these documents, I have concluded that their release could indeed cause real harm to real people.

I have frequently taken the executive branch to task for over-classifying documents. There have been many episodes in our nation's history where the classification system has been used to hide improper acts or to shield policymakers and bureaucrats from scrutiny or embarrassment. The Pentagon Papers episode is perhaps the most well publicized example of the executive branch seeking to keep information classified because it is embarrassing. That is not the case with the so-called "Afghan War Diary" of WikiLeaks.org.

Some of the documents I reviewed contained the names of real Afghan insurgents who turned themselves in to U.S. or Afghan government forces. Those same reports say these defectors were interrogated, and we may presume that after they are released from custody they and their families could be in danger of assassination by other insurgents. The government has a legitimate need to keep secret any sources and methods that are truly important for our nation's security. The individual or individuals responsible for the release of these unredacted documents should be prosecuted. A criminal investigation into this matter is underway.

"KEEP THE SPIRIT OF '45 ALIVE!"

HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 10, 2010

Mr. BACHUS. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to express strong support for the Spirit

of '45 Day celebrations that will be occurring throughout our country, including at the Alabama National Cemetery in my district.

On August 14, 1945, World War II officially ended, marking a victory for the cause of freedom over tyranny in the world. The Americans who served us on both the battlefield and the home front deserve our lasting gratitude. History will forever celebrate the men and women of the "Greatest Generation" who endured the Great Depression, preserved democracy, and rebuilt the postwar world, creating examples of service that continue to inspire and sustain our nation.

Keep the Spirit of '45 Alive is a non-profit grassroots campaign to encourage Americans to commemorate the 65th Anniversary of the end of World War II by holding events and inspiring young children to gather personal recollections of August 14, 1945 from family members and friends.

Their goal is to establish a permanent National Day of Remembrance to the legacy of service of the greatest generation so that their example of commitment to community and country will continue to provide inspiration now and in the future.

This commemoration will encourage our young people to learn valuable lessons from their elders about overcoming adversity through self-sacrifice, courage, perseverance and service to others. During my meetings, soldiers from Iraq and Afghanistan have often told me how they were inspired by the service of their fathers and grandfathers.

It is my hope that Keep the Spirit of '45 Alive will serve as an example to Americans of how we always come together with a shared sense of national unity and purpose during challenging times in our nation's history.

Therefore, I would like to provide my heartfelt endorsement for the Spirit of '45 Day celebration at the Alabama National Veterans Cemetery on Saturday, August 14, 2010.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING MOLLI JACOBS' VICTORY AT THE AMERICAN QUARTER HORSE YOUTH ASSOCIATION WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 10, 2010

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, the American Quarter Horse Youth Association held its World Championship Show July 30 through August 7 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,

Whereas, the show is the world's largest single-breed show for youth,

Whereas, Molli Lyn Jacobs, who is 17, was among the 858 exhibitors,

Whereas, Molli showed a 2-year-old bay mare, RTH Style and Grace,

Whereas, Molli's brother R.J. also won a world championship at the event,

Whereas, the event's organizers said it was so unusual for two siblings to win world championships in the same year that they were unsure if it had ever happened before,

Resolved that along with the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend Molli Lyn Jacobs on winning a world championship at the American Quarter Horse Youth Association World Championship Show, and for the hard work and dedication that led to this unique accomplishment.

HONORING BLUE STAR MOTHERS OF AMERICA

HON. JOE SESTAK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 10, 2010

Mr. SESTAK. Madam Speaker, since assuming office in January 2007, I have had the privilege of working with the Blue Star Mothers of Greater Philadelphia. That group has been in the forefront of countless efforts to support our troops engaged in two protracted conflicts. Though the "all volunteer force" has provided our nation with the most capable and powerful military in our history, it has also shifted the burden of waging those conflicts to a decreasing percentage of our overall population. As a result, the vast majority of Americans benefit from the security wrought by the sacrifice of relatively few families. In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, we are blessed by the work of Marian Moran of Media, PA who leads the Philadelphia Chapter, Laurie Menges of Hanover who leads the South Central Pennsylvania Chapter, Laura Zazworsky of Camp Hill, President of the Central Pennsylvania Chapter, and Sue Donaldson of Easton PA, President of the Lehigh Valley Chapter.

For our families with serving members of the military, it has always been the case that the greatest emotional toll of sending our sons and daughters to war is borne by our nation's mothers. Since 1943, the Blue Star Mothers of America (BSMA) have stepped forward to offer support, counsel and advocacy on behalf of their children and one another. In addition to the thousands of phone calls, letters, and emails of support that flow daily between BSMA members, they are actively engaged in policy making at the highest level. Their support for H.R. 2647, "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010", which directs states to provide both electronic and mail absentee ballots in a timely fashion, is helping to right a long-standing wrong in the provision of absentee ballots for serving members of our military. For years, our men and women in uniform have been denied their vote by inefficient and often indifferent bureaucracies at the local, state, and federal levels. The BSMA is also a tireless morale builder for our troops, providing 'care packages' from home, that not only nourish them but offer essential items to mitigate the extremely harsh climates in Iraq and Afghanistan. Most noteworthy is how Blue Star Mothers rally to the side of their sister Gold Star Mothers. When a Blue Star turns to Gold our entire nation mourns. But for the Blue Star Mothers that tragedy is their call to arms. An old Spanish proverb holds that "An ounce of mother is worth a pound of clergy." Certainly it is a fellow mother who is best qualified to offer comfort when a child has been lost in service to our nation. For over sixty seven years, the Blue Star Mothers have been there for their children, one another, their Gold Star sisters, and our nation.

As the Blue Star Mothers of America gather in Grand Junction, Colorado for their National Convention under the leadership of President Wendy Hoffman, I request that all Americans

acknowledge the maternal love, patriotism, and courage that distinguish that remarkable organization. Our entire nation has reason to be grateful for their service.

RECOGNITION OF MADLYN AND
JAMES AARON

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 10, 2010

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of James and Madlyn Aaron's long-standing dedication to their community and to applaud their many contributions to the public. I hope that their faithful devotion to the State of New Jersey may serve as an example to us all.

James Aaron has been practicing law for 41 years and is a member of the New Jersey State Bar and Monmouth Bar Association. He is currently partner at the distinguished firm of Ansell Grimm & Aaron, based in Ocean, New Jersey. Jim has been able to connect his professional career with his desire to contribute to his community. He has served as a panelist for the Monmouth University Real Estate Institute and has lectured for the Institute of Continuing Legal Education. In addition, Jim has been the City of Long Branch's City Attorney since 1994, has served as the municipal prosecutor and attorney for the zoning board for the City of Long Branch, and has held the position of Asbury Park's City Attorney. In fact, he is the only City Attorney in the history of New Jersey to serve these cities at the same time. Jim's impressive legal career includes practicing before the United States Supreme Court, the United States Court of Appeals, and the United States Court of Claims.

Mr. Aaron's active participation in New Jersey civic life extends to a variety of other spheres as well. In 2006, Jim was appointed the Commissioner of the New Jersey Racing Commission. He also sits on the Board of Trustees of the Hollywood Golf Club. In addition, because religion is important to him, Jim has attended Temple Beth Miriam for his entire life. He is now a member of the Temple's Board of Trustees.

Jim's wife Madlyn Aaron was a school teacher in the Long Branch school system for over 33 years. She holds a BA and an MBA from Monmouth University, and her commitment to education has continued even after retirement. Madlyn and Jim sponsor the Leslie B. Aaron Scholarship Fund which provides a scholarship to a deserving Long Branch High School senior every year. They also sponsor the Heimlich-Aaron Scholarship Fund which provides a scholarship for a worthy graduate of Temple Beth Miriam's Hebrew high school. The couple supports Monmouth University and the Monmouth Medical Center, and their contributions to civic life also include their active membership in the Long Branch Chamber of Commerce. Perhaps most notably, Jim and Madlyn recently served as co-chairs of the Temple Beth Miriam's "Capital Campaign." The campaign successfully raised over \$2.5 million dollars for the Temple.

Madam Speaker, please join me in leading this body in acknowledgement of the dedica-

tion of James and Madlyn Aaron to their community. Their contributions to civic life and charitable and religious organizations make them tremendously valued citizens of my district and the state of New Jersey.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 63RD AN-
NIVERSARY OF PAKISTAN INDE-
PENDENCE

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 10, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 63rd Anniversary of Pakistan independence. The 11th Congressional District of Virginia has benefited from being home to a diverse range of ethnic and religious peoples from all over the world. Northern Virginia as a whole is strengthened by this diversity. One community I wish to recognize today is the Pakistani community, which is an integral part of the makeup of Northern Virginia.

I am honored to represent a district with such diversity and prosperity. The Pakistani community has been vital to that success, contributing expertise and hard work in some of our fastest growing industries. The work ethic displayed is consistent with so many immigrant groups who have come before and who have contributed to building the United States of America into a great nation. By celebrating our respective traditions and heritage, we reaffirm our identity as Americans.

Pakistan Independence Day celebrates the end of British rule in the region and the founding of Pakistan as a sovereign nation by Muhammad Ali Jinnah. August 14, 1947, is officially recognized as the day that Pakistan won independence, and it is celebrated with lights, fireworks, and displays of national pride. The Pakistan Festival USA was originally held at the Lincoln Memorial in 1987, and has grown into a must attend event for the Pakistani community. Pakistan Festival USA has since moved to Lorton, VA, in the heart of the 11th Congressional District, in order to meet the needs of the growing attendance and demand of the Washington area Pakistani community. Today, this is one of the largest celebrations in the country celebrating the independence of Pakistan and recognizing the contributions of the Pakistani-American community.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating the 63rd Anniversary of Pakistan's Independence, and in recognizing the many contributions of Pakistani-Americans to our country and wishing them Yaum-e-Azad Mubarak (Happy Independence Day).

GOVERNMENT MOTORS AND
MEXICO

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 10, 2010

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, Government Motors is investing \$500 million to re-

furbish an old manufacturing plant. GM is going to make a whole new line of engines at the new plant. And a whole new line of cars.

This GM investment of taxpayer bailout dollars will bring hundreds of new jobs!

The problem is the shiny new GM plant is in Mexico.

The Ramos Arizpe plant in northern Mexico will get a hefty half-billion dollar makeover.

Mexico will get the 390 new jobs that go along with it.

I thought the GM bailout was to "save or create" American jobs?

The American taxpayers bailed out GM. Its taxpayer money. Why isn't Government Motors investing a half billion dollars in an American Plant?

American jobs are going to Mexico. And Mexicans are coming to the United States to take American jobs.

Would these 390 new Mexican jobs be saved or created?

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING ROGER T. BOBB

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 10, 2010

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, the Genesee Charter Township Fire Department will honor Chief Roger T. Bobb for 45 years of service to the community at their 7th Annual Picnic. The Picnic will be held at the Township Fire Station Number 1.

After graduating from Kearsley High School in 1959 and attending Michigan State University, Chief Bobb was hired as a firefighter on June 7, 1965. During this time, Roger Bobb was also a member of the Michigan National Guard, and began working as an insurance agent. In 1973, he was promoted in the Fire Department to Captain. The following year, he was a member of the first graduating class of the Genesee County Michigan Firefighters Training Council Basic Firefighter Training program. He has also completed the Michigan Firefighters Training Council Fire Officer I Training Program. He was promoted to Assistant Chief in 1977 and became Fire Department Chief on January 6, 1985.

As part of the Genesee County Association of Fire Chiefs, Chief Bobb was elected a Trustee in 1985, elected Vice President in 1986, and elected President in 1987. He received the President's Award for Exemplary Service in 1999. He has also served as Chairman of the Radio Committee.

Chief Bobb and his wife, Carol, have a daughter, Jennifer, and a son, Brian. As part of a firefighting family, his brother served with the Fire Department for 35 years and his late father was a charter member of the Fire Department and served 22 years.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Chief Roger T. Bobb for 45 years of service to the Genesee Charter Township Fire Department. He is to be commended for his commitment to the safety and welfare of the community and I wish him the best in the future.