

one of my top priorities. My State's transportation needs are growing and ever-changing. I frequently hear my constituents speak of their frustration at the steep personal and financial costs of transportation delays and inefficiencies. Our Nation's quality of life and our economic vitality are closely linked to the quality of our transportation networks. As Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Coast Guard & Maritime Transportation, I know how important it is to have safe and secure ports and waterways. It is critical that our Nation invest in this vital part of our economy, and that the men and women who work in the maritime industry are given the respect and support that they need to carry out their important work.

I am proud to work closely with TTD in pursuit of these shared goals. TTD is a serious, substantive organization—one truly committed to achieving results, not scoring political points. TTD understands that the transportation needs of our Nation know no partisan boundaries, whether it is average Americans traveling or commuting to work, or businesses needing reliable delivery of goods and services. Our entire Nation, regardless of region and local leadership, stands to gain from a safer, more modern transportation network, run by experienced, well-trained workers. TTD recognizes this and helps guide our shared bipartisan commitment to sensible transportation policies.

I congratulate TTD for its many accomplishments during its 20-year history. Transportation workers are at the core of our Nation's economic engine, and they have a well-respected voice and ally in the Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO. I look forward to continuing to work closely with them in the years to come.

FAFSA SEASON

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 4, 2010

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to draw attention to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, FAFSA, which helps make college a possibility for many young Americans.

The 2010–2011 form is now available and has been improved by eliminating 22 questions and 17 Web screens from the overall application.

These improvements—which will lessen obstacles for accessibility and financial aid—will help achieve President Obama's goal of generating the highest number of college graduates by 2020.

The Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act which I proudly supported, further enhances FAFSA and brings us a step closer towards accomplishing the President's goal.

Every student, regardless of their parents' economic status, should be able to attend college.

For years I have teamed up with schools and stakeholders to sponsor "FAFSA Nights" for parents and students; in my district.

This year I will hold a total of three "FAFSA Nights" in my district. The first two events drew close to 500 people and we anticipate that over 300 will attend the third event.

I encourage my colleagues to hold similar events.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 4, 2010

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I missed the following recorded votes on the House floor on Tuesday, February 2, 2010 and Wednesday, February 3, 2010.

For Tuesday, February 2, 2010, I would have voted "Aye" on Rollcall vote #26 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 4495), "Aye" on Rollcall vote #27 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 957), "Aye" on Rollcall vote #28 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1014).

For Wednesday, February 3, 2010, I would have voted "No" on Rollcall vote #29 (on ordering the Previous Question to H. Res. 1051), "No" on Rollcall vote #30 (on agreeing to H. Res. 1051, which provides for consideration of H.R. 4061), "Aye" on Rollcall vote #31 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1043), "Aye" on Rollcall vote #32 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 901), "Aye" on Rollcall vote #33 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1044), "Aye" on Rollcall vote #34 (on agreeing to the Hastings (FL) amendment to H.R. 4061), "Aye" on Rollcall vote #35 (on agreeing to the Flake amendment to H.R. 4061), "Aye" on Rollcall vote #36 (on agreeing to the Dahkemper amendment to H.R. 4061), "Aye" on Rollcall vote #37 (on agreeing to the Cuellar amendment to H.R. 4061), "Aye" on Rollcall vote #38 (on agreeing to the Connolly (VA) amendment to H.R. 4061).

TRIBUTE TO THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR 90TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 4, 2010

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to extend my sincere congratulations to the League of Women Voters as they celebrate their 90th anniversary. This is a remarkable milestone for this outstanding organization and I am glad to have this opportunity to pay tribute to their many invaluable contributions.

Founded in 1920, just before the 19th Amendment was ratified, the League of Women Voters was designed to help women carry out their new responsibilities as voters—to engage them in government and to encourage them to use their newfound rights to shape public policy. Though they encourage their members to be political themselves, this grassroots organization has a long and proud history of nonpartisanship which has allowed them to play a unique role in our communities and the national debate. At its core, the League has always been about educating voters and sharing with them how their voice can impact public policy at every level of government.

What began as a "mighty political experiment" has grown into one of the most re-

spected and dynamic advocacy organizations in the country. With more than 900 state and local leagues—represented in each of the fifty states as well as the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and Hong Kong—the League continues to build on the successes of the past. Through its grassroots citizen network, the League and its members are making innumerable contributions to our communities. Whether sponsoring local candidate forums or weighing in on the issues facing our nation, the organization is remaining true to its most basic purpose—to make democracy work for all citizens.

Though it grew out of the women's suffrage movement, over its ninety year history the League of Women Voters has grown into an advocacy organization for all of America's citizens. It has remained committed to ensuring that Americans fully participate in the political process and use their power as voters to effect meaningful change in public policy. It is organizations like the League of Women Voters that make our nation—our democracy—so strong.

Today, as they reflect on the ninety years that have passed, the League of Women Voters can be proud of all that they have accomplished. I wish them all the best as they celebrate their 90th anniversary and extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to the organization and its thousands of members for their dedication, commitment and good work.

THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE IMMACULATA CATHOLIC CHURCH IN CINCINNATI

HON. JEAN SCHMIDT

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 4, 2010

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the Immaculata Catholic Church in Cincinnati.

On December 9, 1860, Archbishop John B. Purcell celebrated the Immaculata Church during a special High Mass. This first mass marked the fulfillment of a heavenly promise that Archbishop Purcell made as a passenger aboard a ship sailing through a storm. As the storm raged, he promised to build a church on the most prominent point in Cincinnati.

While most Catholic churches were built by local communities, the Immaculata Church was quite different. Archbishop Purcell actually purchased the land, donated the stone, and supervised construction from start to finish. And, just to be certain that his promise was fulfilled, he urged parishioners to walk up the hill where the church was being built, and pray for its success along the way.

In 1970, the Immaculata Parish joined together with neighboring Holy Cross Parish. While the parish's name changed to Holy Cross Immaculata, its traditions continued. Each year, an estimated 10,000 individuals walk up the church's steps on Good Friday, stopping to say a prayer on each step.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the Immaculata Church and wish the parish continued success in the future.

COMMENDING THE LORD'S PLACE FOR ITS 3RD ANNUAL SLEEPOUT EVENT

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 4, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the astonishing accomplishments of The Lord's Place, a non-profit organization dedicated to saving hundreds of thousands of men, women, and children from the unrelenting grasp of homelessness. Currently our Nation is faced with the sad reality of more than half a million Americans without a place to call home, and some without any shelter at all. To make my district aware of the sheer magnitude of this problem, The Lord's Place will host its 3rd Annual SleepOut event on February 5, 2010, aimed at both fundraising for a solution and giving Americans a glimpse into the lives of the thousands of homeless men, women, and children sleeping either in a shelter or on the streets every night.

For decades now, the steps taken by The Lord's Place have improved the lives of homeless families and individuals throughout Palm Beach County. The organization's main goal is to provide and secure economic stability for homeless men, women, and children, and for 30 years they have hosted events and organized programs aimed directly at fulfilling their mission. I admire the work of the volunteers and staff members at The Lord's Place. On a daily basis these hardworking and devoted individuals organize programs, which leave the most forgotten members of our society with a place to call home every night and walk away with something far more valuable than a hefty paycheck.

This Friday night, the dedicated staff members and volunteers of The Lord's Place will aim to make the more fortunate members of our community aware of a typical night endured by homeless families and individuals. The 3rd Annual SleepOut in downtown West Palm Beach will feature a performance, presentation, and finally a movie before the participants call it a night and attempt to sleep through the bitter cold conditions faced by so many homeless men, women, or children. The main focus of the SleepOut is what The Lord's Place calls the "2% Solution." If just 2 percent of our community commits to addressing the problem of homelessness, this critical issue can and will be resolved as a result of the community's hard work.

I would like to extend my gratitude to those men and women who stepped out of their comfort zones and helped raise both awareness and funds for the mission of The Lord's Place. I commend The Lord's Place for helping to break the vicious cycle that has created homelessness in our community. It is because of their perseverance and compassion that a future in which the right to basic shelter is available to every man, woman, and child in Palm Beach County.

As American citizens, it is not only our desire to help those in need. It is our duty to provide every homeless man, woman, and child with a warm place to sleep at night and an opportunity to sustain economic stability.

Madam Speaker, I am truly honored to recognize The Lord's Place for all that they do to

help the Palm Beach County community and I wish them much success during their 3rd Annual SleepOut.

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MILDRED "BILLIE" FRAUMAN

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 4, 2010

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mildred "Billie" Frauman who passed away on January 25, 2010.

Mrs. Frauman was always conscious of the community around her and never faltered in her civic duty. She was born in 1921 and received degrees from the University of Chicago and Oklahoma University, and after settling in Dallas she became an advocate for racial tolerance and understanding in a city that was becoming increasingly diverse. She served as the area director of the American Jewish Committee and was later honored by this group with its Community Relations Achievement Award. Additionally, she was an officer on the board of Temple Emanu-El and served as its Sisterhood president.

One of the most remarkable things about Mrs. Frauman was her ability to confront difficult situations with strength, ease, and grace. At a racially volatile time in Dallas, she conducted several workshops for the city of Dallas, the Dallas Police Department, and the Dallas Independent School District on ways to meet the challenges of change in a diverse community. This service benefitted Dallas immensely and helped to make it a more understanding and cosmopolitan city.

Madam Speaker, I ask my fellow colleagues to join me today in recognizing Mrs. Frauman whose work and commitment to Dallas will never be forgotten.

THANKING THE JUNIOR CLASS OF HAY SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 4, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, I would like to take the time to recognize a group of students from Nebraska's Third District, who have decided to put aside personal benefit in order to help those in need. The junior class at Hay Springs High School, like high schools throughout the nation, spent the school year raising funds for their annual prom. However, this class has decided to forgo their "expensive" prom to help the less fortunate.

A destructive earthquake struck the island of Haiti in January, causing tremendous damage and loss of human life. The survivors now face collapsed buildings, limited resources, and a ruined country.

For the entire school year, the junior class have sold magazines, offered soup suppers, and held raffles to help finance prom. Their fund raising efforts earned them more than \$5,000, but this money will not be used to

support their prom. Rather, it has been designated for a non-profit organization helping in the recovery by setting up hospitals and schools in Haiti.

When such a devastating event takes place, we must come together as a people in order to help the less fortunate. I want to take this opportunity to thank the junior class of Hay Springs High School for their selflessness and their willingness to help in a time of crisis.

CYBERSECURITY ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 3, 2010

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4061) to advance cybersecurity research, development, and technical standards, and for other purposes:

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Chair, I rise in support of H.R. 4061, the Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2009.

I'd like to thank Representative LIPINSKI, Chairman GORDON and Ranking Member HALL for crafting this important piece of bi-partisan legislation.

Cybersecurity is a critical issue in a world with increasing reliance on information systems. So much of our personal lives, from bank accounts to medical records are online. And much of our world, from traffic signals to water purification, operate with industrial control systems that are vulnerable to hacking. Indeed, a Wall Street Journal article in April of this year reported that cyberspies had penetrated the U.S. electrical grid and left behind potentially-disruptive software programs and, more recently, the Chinese government was accused of being behind a number of cybersecurity attacks which targeted U.S. networks, including a breach of Lockheed Martin's F-35 fighter development program.

Congress takes this growing threat to the Nation's cyber network seriously and has gathered here today to consider a bill designed to harness relevant U.S. government resources into a coordinated approach to the problem.

The Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2009 authorizes \$395 million for the National Science Foundation programs aimed at improving cybersecurity research—\$69 million in FY 2010, \$73.5 million in FY 2011, \$79 million in FY 2012, \$84 million in FY 2013, and \$90 million in FY 2014. It reauthorizes existing research and development programs and includes "identity management" as a new supported research area.

The bill reauthorizes cybersecurity workforce and traineeship programs at NSF, as well as cybersecurity research program, and authorizes \$609 million in FY 2010 through FY 2014, and \$319 million after FY 2014, for NSF programs.

A key player in the Nation's cybersecurity effort will be National Institute of Standards and Technology, which has already done pioneering work in information security. I am proud to have NIST in my Congressional district.

This measure places a number of new requirements on NIST, which is responsible for