

Achievement Medal; Air Force Commendation Medal; Air Force Achievement Medal; Combat Readiness Medal with four oak leaf clusters; National Defense Service Medal with bronze star; Southwest Asia Service Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; and Kuwait Liberation Medal, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Madam Speaker, I know the Members of the House will join me in paying tribute to Colonel Eric N. Single for his exceptional commitment to the United States Air Force and the United States of America.

#### MEDIA OUTLET FIRES JOURNALIST WHO CRITICIZED DEMOCRATS

### HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 29, 2010*

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, for journalists who criticize Democrats, the punishment can be severe.

ABC's Washington, DC affiliate recently fired veteran anchorman Doug McKelway after he broadcast a negative report about President Obama and congressional Democrats, according to the Washington Post.

During the Gulf oil spill, McKelway reported that an anti-oil demonstration attracted protesters from "far-left environmental groups."

He also mentioned that President Obama accepted over \$77,000 in campaign contributions from BP.

And he said that the Senate was unlikely to pass cap-and-trade legislation this year because Democrats don't want to "propose a huge escalation in your electric bill" before Election Day.

Although McKelway's comments were true, he was subsequently fired.

This is yet another example of the media protecting President Obama.

The media should give Americans the facts, not fire journalists who tell the truth.

#### COMMENDING JOEL WERNICK

### HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 29, 2010*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a man who has greatly improved the medical community of Georgia, Joel Wernick.

For over 20 years, Mr. Wernick has served as president and CEO of Phoebe Putney Health System in Albany, Georgia. Through his stewardship, Phoebe Putney has thrived. The number of physicians has doubled. The facility has grown by several million square feet, and state-of-the-art technologies are now available to the patients.

Phoebe Putney Health System is the region's largest employer, and is comprised of Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital, a 450-bed tertiary care teaching hospital and Phoebe Worth Medical Center, a critical access rural hospital. Phoebe Putney Health System also manages the Southwest Georgia Regional Medical Center, Georgia's first critical access hospital, in Cuthbert, Georgia. Phoebe Putney

oversees the Southwest Georgia Family Medicine Residency and is the site for the Medical College of Georgia's first satellite clinical campus.

In 2008, Phoebe Putney Health System helped to rebuild and expand the Sumter hospital in Americus, Georgia, after it was destroyed by a tornado; Sumter Regional Hospital is now Phoebe Sumter Medical Center and is a diversified health care system, complete with Inpatient and Outpatient Diagnostic and Therapeutic Services, Outpatient Surgery Services, Hospice, Rural Health Care Centers, Migrant Health, School Nurse Program and numerous physician specialties and office practices.

Through Mr. Wernick's excellent guidance, Phoebe has been recognized nationally for excellence in clinical quality, operations and community health. In 2004, Phoebe was presented the prestigious American Hospital Association's Foster G. McGaw Prize. Additionally, the health system became the first hospital recipient of a Discovery Health Channel Medical Honor. Phoebe also has won three Voluntary Hospitals of America, VHA Leadership Awards and the American Hospital Association's Nova Award for an innovative teen pregnancy prevention program.

Mr. Wernick is a native of Arkansas and a proud Razorback, receiving his bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Arkansas, and earned his master's degree in hospital administration from Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio.

He is married to Stacy Wernick, née Paul. They have one daughter, Lilly Katherine. Besides his involvement with multiple local, state and national organizations, he takes time to teach as a member of the Georgia Southwestern MBA faculty. He has been a Rotarian since 1982, and is a Paul Harris Fellow.

Mr. Wernick is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives and is director of the VHA. He is also on the board of VHA-Georgia, the Georgia Alliance of Community Hospitals, and he is Chairman of the Medical Resource Network, a statewide managed care network. Mr. Wernick is actively involved in many local civic and economic development initiatives. He currently chairs the Southwest Georgia Alliance for Progress, a regional coalition to strengthen economic, educational and cultural infrastructures.

Madam Speaker, Joel Wernick has greatly contributed to the lives of those in his community and across the State of Georgia through his leadership of Phoebe Putney. This year, he has been recognized by Georgia Trend magazine for his significant contributions, having been named one of the State's top 25 leaders. According to Georgia Trend, he "has guided the hospital to a period of historic growth in staff, revenues and new services, and has expanded the facility's presence in vastly underserved areas in Southwest Georgia." For his dedication to our region, I wish to commend and congratulate an outstanding leader and my friend, Mr. Joel Wernick, on this significant accomplishment.

#### MARKING "TED HOGAN DAY"

### HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 29, 2010*

Mr. CONAWAY. Madam Speaker, on September 18, 2010, the city of Crane, Texas honored one of her own by proclaiming "Ted Hogan Day." Today, it is my distinct pleasure to mark that day here in the United States House of Representatives.

Ted Hogan, Sr. was honored for his outstanding citizenship and his loyalty to the people of Crane, but his true worth to his community goes far beyond that.

As an active member of the Crane Lions Club, the Chamber of Commerce, the American Legion, the Masons, and several local churches, Mr. Hogan was a fixture in Crane, constantly devoting his time to make his hometown a safe, friendlier, and more prosperous city. I am particularly proud to brag on Mr. Hogan's work on behalf of the children and young adults in Crane.

Through the Boy Scouts, the Masons, his church, and more, Mr. Hogan has devoted his life to lifting and building up the next generation of Americans. His work has helped sick children receive medical care, turn boys into men, and give a moral foundation to the young people in his church. Every citizen in Crane, young and old, has benefitted from Mr. Hogan's generosity with his time and wisdom. It is a fitting tribute that they chose to honor him and the work he has done.

It is one of my great pleasures as a Member of Congress to share brief sketches of the life's work of my constituents with the Members of this House, and Mr. Hogan is no different. He is part of a generation of Americans who understood that our country can only be great if we give more than we take and we invest in the institutions that serve future generations of Americans. Our nation would be a better place if more Americans walked in his footsteps.

On behalf of the citizens of the 11th district of Texas, I would like to echo our neighbors in Crane and thank Mr. Hogan for his service to God, his family, and his community. I am humbled to be able to represent him in the halls of Congress.

#### CONGRATULATING ALTOONA CURVE

### HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 29, 2010*

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to congratulate the Altoona Curve on winning the 2010 championship of Minor League Baseball's Eastern League.

The Altoona Curve is a Double-A affiliate of the Pittsburgh Pirates that began play in Altoona in 1999. This is the Curve's first title after four previous trips to the league playoffs.

The Curve are a hit in Central Pennsylvania. The franchise was named minor league baseball's best in 2006, and the team continues to provide great entertainment during the summer months for hundreds of thousands of loyal fans.

I would especially like to recognize Curve owner and Altoona native Bob Lozinak, his front office staff, manager Matt Walbeck, and the many Curve players this year who helped make 2010 a championship season in Altoona.

An entire region says thank you, congratulations on this accomplishment, and best wishes for continued success on and off the field.

CONGRATULATING BRIGADIER  
GENERAL DAVID J. ELICERIO

**HON. MICHELE BACHMANN**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 29, 2010*

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Brigadier General David J. Elicerio of Ham Lake, Minnesota, upon being named the 34th Red Bull Infantry Division Commander. The Red Bulls hold a special place in the hearts of all Minnesotans, and I'm so pleased to congratulate Brigadier General Elicerio on his new role with the Minnesota National Guard.

Brigadier General Elicerio has served in the Minnesota National Guard for 30 years including a peacekeeping mission to Bosnia and two tours in Iraq. His leadership capabilities have led to a decorated career and a distinguished reputation in the Guard. From his experience as a senior staff member and having commanded troops at the company, battalion and brigade levels, Brigadier General Elicerio will bring a wealth of experience that I know will maintain the enormous confidence we have in our troops.

Madam Speaker, I ask this body to join me in recognizing Brigadier General Elicerio on this special occasion and to express our gratitude for his service and the sacrifices his family has made in dedication to preserving freedom in America.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR FLIGHT OF  
EASTERN OREGON

**HON. GREG WALDEN**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 29, 2010*

Mr. WALDEN. Madam Speaker, I rise on the occasion of Honor Flight of Eastern Oregon's inaugural journey of 10 of Oregon's World War II veterans to visit their memorial here in Washington, DC. On behalf of a grateful delegation, state, and country, we welcome these heroes.

The veterans on this initial flight from Eastern Oregon are World War II veterans: Bob L. Hemstreet, U.S. Army; Raymond "Ray" J. Kuhn, U.S. Navy; Lavonne "Vonnies" I. Kuhn, U.S. Navy; Arthur "Art" C. Krantz, U.S. Army; Walter "Walt" D. Goodman, U.S. Navy; Gifford S. Hulse, U.S. Army; Leonard "Lenny" V. Morse, U.S. Army Air Force; Minnie "Marie" M. Colombari, U.S. Navy; David A. House, U.S. Army Air Force; and Henry "Milt" M. Prowell, U.S. Army.

Madam Speaker, these 10 veterans from Oregon are joining over 35,000 veterans from across the country who, since 2005, have been transported from their home states to our

Nation's capital at absolutely no cost to them or their families, to visit and reflect at memorials built here in their honor.

The fact that these soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen would uproot themselves from their homes and families and put themselves in harm's way for our country is very humbling. The sacrifices they—and the families they left behind—made are truly incredible. The debt of gratitude we owe them can never be repaid, for without their honor, courage, commitment, and above all—sacrifice we would not be able to enjoy the freedoms we have today.

Please join me in thanking these Oregon veterans and the volunteers of Honor Flight of Eastern Oregon for their dedication, commitment, and service to this great Nation.

IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 99TH  
NATIONAL DAY OF TAIWAN

**HON. DAVID WU**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 29, 2010*

Mr. WU. Madam Speaker, October 10, 2010, heralds 99 years of the Republic of China (Taiwan). I would like to offer my congratulations and best wishes to the people of Taiwan in commemoration of this 99th National Day.

Taiwan is one of the United States' strongest allies and is dedicated to the principles of democracy, human rights, and the rule of law. I was deeply honored to meet with Taiwan's President Ma Ying-jeou at the beginning of this year, and I hope to someday welcome him and Taiwan's other high-level elected and appointed officials to our Nation's capital.

Moreover, in May I introduced H. Res. 1352, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Taiwanese American Heritage Week and recognizing the close relationship between the United States and Taiwan. Taiwanese Americans have played a critical role in strengthening the fabric of American society and in deepening the friendship and understanding between the peoples of the United States and Taiwan.

In celebration of the 2010 Double Tenth National Day, it is my hope that the United States, Taiwan, and the People's Republic of China can continue to work together to promote enduring peace and prosperity across the Taiwan Strait.

IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL  
TRADEMARK EXPO

**HON. JAMES P. MORAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 29, 2010*

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my support for the United States Patent and Trademark Office's (USPTO) National Trademark Expo. In a time of ongoing challenges for the American and global economy, I want to join the USPTO in its efforts to recognize the vital role trademarks play in the economy. The 2008 and 2009 National Trademark Expos were very successful and well-attended by the trademark

community and public at large. This year's two-day event will be held on Friday, October 15th, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, October 16th, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the USPTO headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia. The purpose of the Expo is to educate the public about the value and important role trademarks play in our society and the global marketplace.

Trademarks are words, names, symbols, sounds, or colors that identify and distinguish the goods and services of one party from those of others. The National Trademark Expo will display different types of trademarks such as sound marks and trademarks that identify shapes and configurations of products and will feature company booths, themed displays, costumed characters, and inflatables. Banners will feature information on century-old registered trademarks, the historical evolution and transformation of trademarks, and the history of people behind certain trademarks. The Expo will also feature children's workshops, story time and guided tours. Educational lectures for adults will include lectures on Intellectual Property for Small Businesses, "Why Buy 'Legit': About Counterfeit Goods," "How to File a Trademark," "Top Mistakes in Trademark Applications and How to Best Avoid Them," and "Trademarks 101." A video made to instruct pro se applicants will play in the National Inventors Hall of Fame Museum throughout the Expo. Also, the Museum's current exhibit highlights important food trademarks throughout the years.

During the Trademark Expo, costumed trademarked characters will introduce themselves during the opening ceremony and make appearances throughout the Expo, joining the USPTO's own Trademark character, T. Markey. A new cast of characters, including Clifford the Big Red Dog®, Lorax®, GEICO's Gecko®, Chick-Fil-A's® cow, The Berenstain Bears®, Dippin' Dots®, and a 5-Hour Energy® bottle character will join veteran Expo characters Pillsbury's Doughboy®, Hershey's Kisses®, Hershey's® milk chocolate bar, Reese's Peanut Butter Cups®, Crayola® crayons' mascot Tip, Betty Boop®, Dennis the Menace®, Popeye®, Olive Oyl®, Curious George®, and Sprout®. Large inflatable characters, including the Michelin® man, The Cat in the Hat®, Green Giant®, NFL® football players, collegiate mascots, and Chick-Fil-A's® cow will once again transform the USPTO's campus into a "Trademark Theme Park". Caterpillar® equipment and a NASCAR® show car for 5-Hour Energy® will also decorate the grounds. A story time featuring literary trademarked characters sponsored by Hooray for Books!, a local children's bookstore, will help tell the story of the prevalence of trademarks in our daily lives.

On average, people are exposed to 1,500 trademarks each day and more than 30,000 if they make a trip to the grocery store. In a time of globalization, counterfeit goods pose an increasing threat to American businesses. A display of counterfeit goods alongside authentic goods, as well as an anti-counterfeiting lecture, will highlight the damaging effects of counterfeit goods on the economy as well as the USPTO's anti-counterfeiting efforts. Counterfeit goods cost the United States billions of dollars and hundreds of thousands of jobs annually as well as undermining consumer confidence in brand integrity when purchasers encounter knock-off goods of inferior quality.