

meetings, offices, the Smith Library and personal meditation. The church is continuously renovating and improving their 105-year-old building. They plan to further expand their church by creating education facilities.

An important aspect of the First Baptist Church of Madison is their service to others. The church participates in a wide variety of missions to help those in need. They provide books to poor areas of Africa, visit residents in nursing homes, provide hygiene kits to the poor, assist in paying bills for those in need or aid and provide Thanksgiving meals. The First Baptist Church of Madison has always provided a warm welcome to new parishioners and visitors, and has done a commendable job serving the community.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the First Baptist Church of Madison as they celebrate their 115th anniversary.

HONORING MARY ANN SCHILLER

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. CARNAHAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career of Mary Ann Schiller with the Afton School District. She began working in the Afton School District as a high school senior in 1950 as an assistant to the superintendent's secretary. She attended Miss Hickey's Secretarial School in the evening while working as secretary to the principal at Reavis School during the day.

In 1960 she moved to the administration center to serve as the assistant superintendent of elementary education. In 1970, Mrs. Schiller became the secretary to the superintendent (later administrative assistant) as well as secretary to the Board of Education, positions she held for 40 years. She has been the indispensable "right hand" to eight superintendents and a patient mentor to nearly 70 Board of Education members.

On June 15, 2010, the Afton School District's Board of Education unanimously voted to dedicate and rename the Afton School District Administration Center in her honor. On October 2, 2010 the administration center will be renamed the Mary Ann Schiller Administration Center.

Other honors for Mary Ann include: the recipient of the Service and Outstanding Achievement Recognition (SOAR) Award for 1996–97; named Afton Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year in 1999; and one of ten distinguished alumni inducted into the Afton Hall of Fame in 2005.

Mary Ann was also named by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education as a Pioneer in Education—an honor never before bestowed upon a classified school district employee.

Mary Ann Schiller retired on June 30, 2010 after 60 years of service to the Afton School District. I honor Mary Ann today for her outstanding public service; performing one of the most important tasks necessary for a successful and healthy nation: educating the young and preparing them to be productive and responsible citizens.

INTRODUCTION OF PILOT PROJECT FOR TOOLS NEEDED FOR FUNDING CHALLENGES

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce legislation authorizing a pilot project to develop the tools needed by private industry, the IRS, and the Department of Transportation to meet our infrastructure funding challenges for the next century.

Nothing is more essential to restoring the economy, revitalizing our communities, and protecting our environment than the effort to rebuild and renew America. The U.S. faces steep infrastructure challenges. Our infrastructure inventory is in poor repair and much of it is outdated—not just decades, but often centuries old. Our effort to rebuild and renew that infrastructure is stalled because of a funding impasse. The Highway Trust Fund nearly exhausted its funding several times recently and it is clear that our existing funding mechanisms are insufficient to meet our current, much less future, needs. Congress must consider new revenue sources to meet our infrastructure challenges and must work with transportation users to find the most efficient means of raising this revenue.

Most of America's transportation investment ability is premised on the gas tax. This source is becoming obsolete as vehicles are increasingly efficient, making increased demands on our infrastructure while contributing fewer resources. The current revenue system generates only two-thirds of the revenue needed to maintain current levels of investment.

While Congress waits, others are seeking innovative solutions to this challenging problem: the Oregon Department of Transportation conducted successful tests of mileage-based revenue systems that seamlessly protected privacy while applying a user fee; two blue ribbon panels called for further exploration of such a system; and I have introduced prior legislation that would fund tests of such systems in each state. Under the Transportation Finance Innovation Demonstration Act, the concrete pumping industry has stepped forward to create a pilot project exploring how a mileage system would work in practice.

In an unintended consequence of the JOBS Act of 2004, concrete pumping trucks pay gasoline tax on 100 percent of their fuel consumption, even though 50 percent of their fuel is consumed at construction sites in stationary operation. Concrete pumping trucks already collect much of the necessary information about distance traveled and fuel consumption necessary for the function of a mileage-based fee. With a few minor hardware and software additions, concrete pumps nationwide could collect and transmit data to the IRS in a highly accurate and secure manner.

The legislation directs the Department of the Treasury to work with the Department of Transportation to establish a demonstration project providing a refund of gasoline taxes to concrete pumping trucks and the imposition of an off-setting mileage fee reflecting the distance the concrete pumping truck traveled on U.S. roadways.

ACKNOWLEDGING TAIWAN'S 99TH NATIONAL DAY ON OCTOBER 10, 2010

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to acknowledge Taiwan's 99th National Day on October 10, 2010. Also known as Double Ten Day, this event marks the anniversary of the 1911 uprising that soon led to the establishment of the Republic of China.

I congratulate Taiwan, our good friend in Asia, on numerous successes in recent years. An economic powerhouse, millions of Americans have come to depend on Taiwanese products like notebook computers, and Taiwan serves as a major export market for a huge range of American products, from agriculture to raw materials to technology.

This past year has seen highly positive political progress between China and Taiwan, benefitting not only the entire East Asian arena but U.S. interests, as well. Taiwan's President Ma Yingjeou has established conciliatory and cooperative cross-strait relations, producing agreements in a variety of areas including transportation, tourism, agriculture, and trade and financial matters. For the first time in decades, the two great nations are pursuing productive, peaceful negotiations to ensure a better future for their citizens. I am pleased that these efforts have enabled Taiwan to play a greater role in international organizations, such as with Taiwan's participation as an official observer to the World Health Assembly. Such progress should not go unnoticed or unremarked upon.

Madam Speaker, each time I have visited Taiwan I have come away with a deep appreciation for the Taiwanese people's commitment to hard work, democratic traditions, environmental protection, and productive and peaceful international relations. I offer my sincere congratulations on their 99th National Day and look forward to celebrating the 100th next year.

HONORING THE STUDENTS AND FACULTY OF MCCLURE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL FOR RECEIVING THE BLUE RIBBON AWARD FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the faculty, students, and parents of McClure Junior High School, a school of 541 students in Western Springs, Illinois. The school was awarded the prestigious Blue Ribbon Award by the U.S. Department of Education on September 9, 2010.

The Blue Ribbon Award program was founded in 1982 by the Department of Education to reward the most outstanding schools in the country. Out of the more than 132,000 eligible schools in the United States, only 304 earned the Blue Ribbon distinction in 2010.

McClure Junior High School has been identified as a "High Performing" school, meaning

the students scored significantly higher on standardized state assessments than their peer schools. McClure was one of only 84 middle schools in the country, and one of 19 Illinois schools to be distinguished with this award.

Thanks to the dedication of McClure Junior High School faculty, the hard work of the students, and the encouragement of their parents, the school has been identified as one of the very best in the United States.

I ask you to join me in congratulating the faculty, students, and parents of McClure Junior High School for their receipt of a U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon Award, one of the highest honors a middle school can earn.

IN MEMORY OF U.S. NAVY SENIOR CHIEF PETTY OFFICER DAVID BLAKE MCLENDON

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 pay tribute to a brave sailor, dedicated citizen, and a great American, U.S. Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer David Blake McLendon, who gave his life for his country.

Senior Chief Petty Officer (SCPO) McLendon was raised in Thomasville, Georgia. After graduating from Thomas County Central High School in 1998, he answered the call to service by enlisting in the U.S. Navy, following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather.

He was a successful and dedicated naval non-commissioned officer, quickly rising through the ranks. His awards include the Joint Service Commendation Medal; Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal; Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal; Navy Battle "E" Ribbon (two awards); Navy Good Conduct Medal (three awards); and the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon.

In 2009, McLendon was promoted to Senior Chief Petty Officer and served as a Navy cryptologic technician. He was also a Navy SEAL. During his twelve-year Naval career, he served at Norfolk, Virginia and Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and the Joint Expeditionary Base at Little Creek, Virginia.

While deployed to Afghanistan, he was one of nine servicemembers tragically killed when their Army Blackhawk helicopter went down in the southern Afghanistan province of Zabul on Sept. 21, 2010.

SCPO McLendon's death is a great loss to this country, as he was a man of great promise and honor. He was described as a consummate Navy professional by his fellow servicemembers, and was known for his dedication, quick wit, and engaging sense of humor.

His death is also a great loss to his loving family. He is survived by his wife and parents, his brother and sister, his nieces and nephews, and his paternal grandmother.

Madam Speaker, U.S. Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer David Blake McLendon made the ultimate sacrifice for his country. His time on this earth was too short. He was a proud American, a brave sailor, and a true family man. In life he was loved and honored, and in

death he will be remembered by a grateful nation.

RECOGNIZING THE SEATTLE STORM FOR THEIR VICTORY IN THE WOMEN'S NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Seattle Storm for their incredible season and their victory in the Women's National Basketball Association Championship.

The Seattle Storm joined the WNBA in 2000 and has since been a remarkable team, a source of immense pride for the State of Washington. Their 2010 championship was their second, and the first under Coach Brian Agler. They were consistently the WNBA's best team, ending the regular season with a 28–6 record. The team's success continued into the post-season, where they went undefeated and became the first team in WNBA history to go 7–0 in the playoffs. By the end of their impressive run, the Storm had not been defeated at home.

The women of Seattle Storm play the game with great dedication and sportsmanship, and act as role models for our community's girls and boys. The team is also one of three WNBA teams that is not owned as a companion or "sister team" to an NBA team. Rather, they are independent and reflect the value of local-owned organizations.

Their championship was earned with hard work and commitment. Team members include Svetlana Abrosimova, Sue Bird, Abby Bishop, Swin Cash, Lauren Jackson, Allison Lacey, Camille Little, Ashley Robinson, Jana Vesela, Le'coe Willingham, and Tanisha Wright. The enthusiastic and loyal Washington fans have also aided to the team's success and over 5,000 fans came to celebrate the championship at the Key Arena.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House of Representatives please join me in congratulating the Seattle Storm for their undefeated playoff run and their 2nd WNBA Championship.

RECOGNIZING SCOTT HECHT FOR HIS BRAVERY AND HEROISM

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge Scott Hecht, a resident of Hauppauge, New York, for being awarded the Carnegie Medal by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission. This prestigious award is given to civilians who risk their lives to save the lives of others. Scott Hecht saved a girl from drowning on July 30, 2009, in Mastic Beach, New York.

According to the Commission, "A teenage girl struggled to stay afloat in the Atlantic Ocean after being swept away from the beach

by a strong current. Beachgoers shouted for help, attracting the attention of Hecht, 45, a social worker, who was in a camping area nearby. Although he decided earlier not to swim that day because of rough surf conditions, Hecht entered the water with a short surfboard and, holding onto the board, swam out to the girl, reaching her at a point about 200 feet from shore. He grasped her by the wrists and held them over the board and then started toward shore. Waves overtook them as they proceeded, and a lateral current swept them along the shoreline. Others aided the girl when they reached wadable water, and Hecht also reached the beach safely. Hecht was very tired and sustained scratches to his legs, but he did not need medical treatment."

I am proud to recognize Mr. Hecht for his bravery and selflessness and I thank him for helping make the 2nd District of New York a place in which citizens take care of their fellow citizens.

CONGRATULATING ST. PAUL COLLEGE'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the faculty, students and staff of Saint Paul College on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the school. Founded in 1910, Saint Paul College is an outstanding community and technical college that is a part of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system (MnSCU). Saint Paul College has further distinguished itself by earning the nation's top ranking among community colleges according to the 2010 September/October edition of Washington Monthly Magazine.

Located on Cathedral Hill near downtown and overlooking at the State Capitol, Saint Paul College is a model two-year higher education institution, providing academic excellence and trade and technical skills to prepare students for success in the workplace.

Saint Paul College offers thirty-eight associate degree programs and sixty-one occupational certificate and diploma programs, including transfer and articulation agreements with 4-year colleges and universities that provide pathways for students to transfer and continue their higher education.

The first-place ranking and national recognition conveyed by Washington Monthly Magazine is a testament to the school's long-standing commitment to academic excellence and to the students and families in the community it serves. Generations of crafts and trades people in Minnesota have earned their education at Saint Paul College, and the school is poised to help more generations develop the skills they need for successful careers.

In honor of the 100th Anniversary of Saint Paul College, I am pleased to recognize the many achievements of the faculty, staff and students through this statement in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.