

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$13,795,134,710,938.40.

On January 6, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$3,156,708,964,644.60 so far this Congress.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

RECOGNIZING JUDGE WILLIAM J. CAPRATHE

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, the Honorable William J. Caprathe, Judge with the 18th Circuit Court of Michigan, is retiring after serving on the bench since 1981. A celebration will be held in Bay City Michigan on November 19th in his honor.

Judge Caprathe became a member of the State Bar of Michigan in 1966. He worked as a trial attorney before beginning his career as a circuit court judge serving as Chief Judge from 1984 to 1997. He has served as chair of the Executive Board of the National Conference of State Trial Judges, co-chair of the Judicial Division's Judicial Clerkship Program, president of the Michigan Judges Association, and chair of the Michigan Judicial Conference. He has also served as chair of the Michigan State Bar Standing Committee on Criminal Jury Instructions, and is a past member of the Equal Access Initiative and the Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence. As a regular faculty member of the Michigan Judicial Institute he oversaw the production of several bench books. He also served on the American Bar Association's American Jury Project.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to be able to recognize the achievements of Judge William J. Caprathe and ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating him on his retirement. I wish him the best as he enters this phase of his life.

CONGRATULATING ELDON HIGH SCHOOL'S FFA PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE TEAM

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Eldon High School's FFA Parliamentary Procedure Team. On October 23, 2010 at the 83rd National FFA Convention in Indianapolis,

IN, the Eldon High School FFA Parliamentary Procedure Team won its first national championship. The members of the championship winning team each received a scholarship to further their education at a post-secondary institution of their choice.

The Eldon High FFA Parliamentary Procedure Team consists of seniors Payton Atteberry, who also holds the distinction of winning the Outstanding Chairman Award, Jill Blankenship, Cole Griffith, Kelsi Mueller, Arika Myers, and Abbey Thomas. The Eldon team competed against 44 teams from across the nation. This competition tests students' ability to effectively communicate ideas during a meeting. Components included a general knowledge exam of parliamentary law, a ten-minute demonstration of parliamentary procedure, oral questions, and written minutes of the demonstration.

These six gifted young men and women were prepared and focused, due to their dedicated advisor, Eldon High School Agriculture teacher Matt Biddle, who trained and supported the team. Each student received \$1,000 and a plaque in recognition of this event.

I ask that you join me in recognizing the Eldon High School's FFA Parliamentary Procedure Team for a job well done. These students and all the other students who participated in the annual convention should be commended for their commitment to the future of agriculture.

HONORING CHRISTIAN A. SPINLER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Christian A. Spinler. Christian is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 205, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Christian has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Christian has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Christian has earned the rank of Senior Patrol Leader in his troop and the World Conservation Award. Christian also has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Christian designed and constructed a wooden fence around the trash dumpsters at his troops sponsoring church, Good Shepherd Christian Church in Blue Springs, Missouri.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Christian A. Spinler for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, on Monday, November 15, 2010, and Tuesday, November 16, 2010, I was not present for 6 recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted the following way: roll No. 566—"yea"; roll No. 567—"yea"; roll No. 568—"yea"; roll No. 569—"yea"; roll No. 570—"yea"; roll No. 571—"yea".

RECOGNITION OF REVEREND LINWOOD D. ROUSE

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the ministry of Reverend Linwood D. Rouse, Pastor of Macedonia Original Freewill (OFW) Baptist Church in Piscataway, New Jersey. For 26 years, Reverend Rouse has served as a pillar of his church and community. His rock-solid faith and commitment toward helping others deserves recognition.

Reverend Rouse, the second of eight children born to David and Lorraine Rouse, moved to New Jersey from his birthplace of Washington, D.C. in 1963. He is a graduate of the Dr. Howard Anderson Interdenominational School of Divinity Southern Baptist Seminary Extension and Philadelphia Biblical University, from which he holds a degree of Associate of Biblical Studies. Starting out as an organist and choir director, he soon was made a church trustee. He eventually found himself called to minister. After his first sermon in June of 1978, he was licensed to preach at Macedonia OFW, was ordained on October 19th, 1979, and in 1984, became pastor.

For over two decades, Reverend Rouse has served his community with a diligence, steadfastness, compassion, and faith that is inspirational. He has worked tirelessly as an advocate for his church, securing building space for the schooling of his congregation's youngest members. Under his care, numerous community programs have grown, such as the Horns of Joshua, a youth outreach program that targets children and families going through times of crisis. And he was the creator of Caring Hand of New Jersey Inc., which serves as a Bible School and includes a Child Care Program. He is a board member of the Piscataway Township Board of Ethics, vice president of the Middlesex County Board of Ethics, president of District Union No. 1 of Central Jersey, and a board member of Piscataway Township's Turn-on Youth Coalition. His other positions in the community include Chaplain of the Holmes Marshall Vol. Fire Co., chaplain and then delegate of the National Police Defense Foundation, member of United Chaplin International, treasurer of the Middlesex Central Baptist Association of New Jersey, Inc., and member of the Singing Pastors of Piscataway.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in recognizing Reverend Rouse's work. His supporters and

friends will be honoring his 26th Pastoral Anniversary on Sunday, October 10, 2010. Let us join them in acknowledging and honoring the values his life of service shows.

HONORING DAVID SABSAY

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of David Sabsay, father of the Sonoma County Library, who passed away on March 20, 2010, at his home in Sebastopol, California. His passion and leadership strengthened our public libraries not only in Sonoma County, but across California, transforming education and fostering civic engagement for youth and adults.

Born in Waltham, Massachusetts in 1931, David Sabsay came to Santa Rosa in 1956 after receiving his graduate degree in library science at the University of California at Berkeley. At 25, Mr. Sabsay was the youngest head librarian in the state, and he was already envisioning the vibrant, integrated public library system he knew Californians needed.

Mr. Sabsay wasted no time in pursuing this vision, and his skill as a library advocate quickly earned him a place of respect in the community and a record of hard-earned victories. On multiple occasions he served as chair of the Government Relations Committee of the California Library Association, and by 1971 he had become the organization's president. He founded and became the first coordinator of the North Bay Cooperative Library System, a six-county resource-sharing network and the first cooperative library system in the western United States.

In a career dedicated to improving library services in Sonoma County, Mr. Sabsay also brought his expertise to debates on library support in Sacramento. In 1978, in order to secure a sufficient stream of funding for California libraries, he helped author legislation establishing state financing for local libraries and encouraging county contributions. This legislation continues to serve all Californians as a safeguard against the loss of an essential public asset and as a reminder of our stake in its future.

Mr. Sabsay was perhaps best known for his instrumental backing of a unified library system in Sonoma County. In 1975, his work led to the signing of the joint-powers agreement—the first such agreement for a library system in California—that established the institution we rely on today. During his tenure as director of Sonoma County Library, Mr. Sabsay even oversaw the construction of the central library and nine regional branches as his county network expanded to serve one of the strongest per capita memberships in the state. Mr. Sabsay retired in 1992 but remained an active consultant on library development, funding, and operations.

David Sabsay was predeceased by his wife Helen. He is survived by his brother.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in celebrating the life of a man who dedicated himself to serving the people of Sonoma County and California. We have all benefitted from his work on behalf of knowledge and public education, and from his example as a

tireless advocate for one of the civic institutions most important in our democracy.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, on November 17, 2010, I missed rollcall vote 572. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" or "aye."

IN HONOR OF ROBERT "BOB" FELLER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Robert "Bob" Feller on his 92nd birthday on November 3 and for his longtime service in our community and our Nation.

Bob was one of the greatest pitchers in Cleveland Indians history. He made his major league debut in 1936 at the age of 17, where his legendary fastball quickly earned him a reputation around the league. He was given nicknames such as "Rapid Robert" and "Bullet Bob." His career was prodigious; it spanned over sixteen seasons, during which he racked up 2581 strikeouts, 3828 innings pitched and 266 wins. These and other monumental totals make up many team and league records that remain intact today. It is no wonder that Bob was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1962, his first year of eligibility.

Bob's military service is evidence of his character and love of his country. He served our Nation in the Navy during World War II, becoming the first major league baseball player to enlist as a result of the attack on Pearl Harbor in December of 1941. Though he was in the prime of his career and could have deferred his draft notice, he chose to miss four seasons, serving aboard the U.S.S. *Alabama* as it patrolled both the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans. He retired from the Navy at the end of the war as a Chief Petty Officer and returned to his exceptional career with the Indians.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Bob Feller for his excellence in major league baseball and his service to our country. The strength of character he displayed both on and off the field makes him a truly exceptional man and a role model for generations of baseball fans and patriots.

A TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER AND CREW OF THE USS "GRAVELY"

HON. MIKE McINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Mr. McINTYRE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Commander Douglas

Kunzman, as well as the officers and crew of the USS *Gravelly*, which will be commissioned by the United States Navy in Wilmington, North Carolina, on November 20, 2010. This strong, state-of-the-art destroyer joins an impressive group of ships on deployment protecting our nation and defending our freedoms and national security interests.

As a senior member of the U.S. House Committee on Armed Services and a longtime supporter of our great nation's military and those who have served our country, it is my honor to recognize the USS *Gravelly* as the 57th unit of the ARLEIGH BURKE Class of guided missile destroyers.

Named for Vice Admiral Samuel Lee Gravelly, Jr., the first African-American commanding officer of a naval ship, this guided missile destroyer was constructed at Northrup Grumman Corporation's Ingalls Shipyard in Pascagoula, MS. Her keel was laid on November 26, 2007, launched on March 30, 2009, and christened on May 16, 2009. Impressively, the USS *Gravelly* has an overall length of 510 ft, beam of 66 ft, full load displacement of 9,200 tons and a mean full load draft of 33 ft.

The people of Southeastern North Carolina are honored to welcome and host Commander Kunzman and his crew for the commissioning festivities for this new vessel and hope they will consider the coastline of this state as a special home for them. I am especially appreciative of the Secretary of the Navy, the Honorable Ray Mabus, for granting the request for this commissioning to occur in North Carolina and for his recent visit to Wilmington in anticipation of this important event, as well as for the celebration of Navy Day.

The State of North Carolina and this nation are deeply proud of the personal talent and ability represented by the officers and crew of this new destroyer. It is their spirit, service, and sacrifice for which we all are extremely grateful.

Madam Speaker, may we also never forget the bravery and dedication of those who have served before, those who currently serve, and those who will serve our country—and may we continue to receive inspiration from their courageous words and deeds. May God's blessings be with the USS *Gravelly*, her officers, and her crew as she begins her time in service to this wonderful nation—the United States of America.

HONORING CHARLES E. KRUSE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Charles E. Kruse. Charlie has served as President of the Missouri Farm Bureau since 1992 and will be retiring from office on December 7, 2010.

Since first being elected to President in 1992, Charlie has served for nine terms and has overseen the tremendous growth of the Missouri Farm Bureau. Under Charlie's leadership, membership has reached 100,000, a successful web portal has been developed, and historic new highs have been reached in both the Life insurance and Town and Country insurance sections. All the while, Charlie has maintained an outspoken passion for Missouri