

public education. He served for two years as the occupational representative to the Santa Rosa Junior College Academic Senate, then went on to serve as the Senate President for six years. Since 1990, Mr. Pugh has also served on the Santa Rosa City Schools Board of Education, holding the office of Board President for a total of four terms.

Most recently, Mr. Pugh has served as President of the California School Boards Association, an organization bringing together California's local K-12 school districts and county offices of education. An active member of the CSBA Delegate Assembly since 1993, Mr. Pugh has worked tirelessly to support the organization's commitment to researching and advocating practices that serve the best interests of students.

During his tenure with CSBA, and throughout his career, Mr. Pugh has remained a vocal advocate for our children. He understands that public education represents a promise to future generations—a promise that knowledge and perseverance can overcome adversity, and that our democratic institutions can deliver opportunity for all—and he has worked to uphold and to strengthen that promise.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in thanking Frank Pugh for his service on behalf of Sonoma County and California. His example reminds us of the value of public education and the importance of continuing to support and protect it.

HONORING BRET MICHAEL
BUSSINGER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Bret Michael Bussinger. Bret 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 180, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Bret has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Bret 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, Bret has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

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

H.R. 6423, THE "HOMELAND SECURITY CYBER AND PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION ACT OF 2010"

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, illegal penetrations or "hacks" of

computer networks have become an increasingly serious homeland security issue. Not only do they threaten the personal fortunes and identities of our citizens but also the effective functioning of our government, our infrastructure, our economy, and our national security. As Americans at all levels of society—from their personal lives to their professional work—grow increasingly reliant on computers and those computers become ever more connected, the scope of this security vulnerability continues to expand at a dizzying rate. Over the past year or so, there has been an active Congressional debate about what should be done to address this significant homeland security vulnerability. The introduction of the "Homeland Security Cyber and Physical Infrastructure Protection Act of 2010," is intended to refocus the debate away from Presidential Internet shut-down authority and other "what ifs" and back to the central Federal cybersecurity challenge—the mismatch between the Department of Homeland Security's, DHS, designation, since 2003, as the "focal point for security of cyberspace," and the authorities conferred to DHS to fulfill its cybersecurity mission with respect to networks operated by Federal civilian agencies and critical infrastructure.

The "Homeland Security Cyber and Physical Infrastructure Protection Act of 2010," seeks to enhance DHS' cybersecurity capacity by authorizing the DHS Office of Cybersecurity and Communications and creating a new Cybersecurity Compliance Division to oversee the establishment of performance-based standards responsive to the particular risks to the (1) .gov domain and (2) critical infrastructure networks, respectively. This bill is designed to require DHS to work with network operators to develop tailored security plans that meet risk-based, performance-based standards, as is being done in DHS' Chemical Facility Anti-terrorism program.

"Homeland Security Cyber and Physical Infrastructure Protection Act of 2010," is focused on providing the Department of Homeland Security, DHS, with the resources and authority that it needs to fulfill its Federal responsibility as the protector of our Nation's cyberspace. Specifically, the bill seeks to give DHS the resource and authority needed to strengthen the cybersecurity of (1) Federal government networks—the ".gov" domain—and (2) critical infrastructure in the private sector.

From a security and good-government standpoint, the way to deliver better cybersecurity is to leverage, modify, and enhance existing structures and efforts, rather than make wholesale bureaucratic changes. To that end, my bill authorizes a cybersecurity operation within the Department of Homeland Security that not only runs parallel to the Department's infrastructure protection work but also leverages, modifies, and enhances existing cybersecurity structures and programs. My bill specifically directs DHS to issue risk-based, performance-based cybersecurity standards for computer networks for systems in the .gov domain and those within the private sector that are within designated critical infrastructure.

For DHS' efforts to succeed, there needs to be "buy-in" on the front end and compliance on the hack end. The bill fosters "buy-in" from the operators of the civilian Federal networks by establishing a working group comprised of Federal agencies, and chaired by the Sec-

retary of Homeland Security, that is responsible for establishing risk-based, performance-based standards and corresponding remedies, including penalties, for non-compliance with these standards. Similarly, to foster "buy-in" for risk-based, performance-based standards for the critical infrastructure firms, DHS is directed to develop the standards in consultation with a wide range of stakeholders—from the Intelligence Community to the heads of sector-specific agencies to councils representing the interests of private sector companies—and subject the standards to the notice and comment regulatory process.

With respect to compliance, my bill directs DHS to look at approaches to foster compliance—such as liability protection under the Safety Act—and grants DHS the authority to delegate enforcement to another Federal department that has an existing regulatory authority over that sector. In some cases, delegation will prevent private sector firms from being subjected to redundant and overlapping regulations.

To ensure compliance, civilian Federal networks will be regularly monitored by DHS to ensure that each agency is in compliance with the standards adopted by the Federal agency working group. The bill requires DHS to report infractions and corresponding remedies to the Office of Management and Budget, who, in turn, is required to execute the corresponding penalty or remedy.

My bill also includes a number of provisions to improve the reporting of cyber incidents, the sharing of information on cyber threats, the capacity of DHS to hire 500 additional cyber professionals and the level of cybersecurity research and development activities.

Taken together, the "Homeland Security Cyber and Physical Infrastructure Protection Act of 2010," will make our Nation more secure and better position DHS—the "focal point for the security of cyberspace," under Homeland Security Presidential Directive 7—to fulfill its critical homeland security mission. I urge Members to join me and cosponsor this important, common-sense homeland security legislation.

IN TRIBUTE TO MAJOR GENERAL
POLLY A. PEYER

HON. JIM MARSHALL

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. MARSHALL. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today not only as the Representative of the 8th District of Georgia, but also as a member of the House Armed Services Committee, to honor the exemplary service and accomplishments of Major General Polly A. Peyer on the occasion of her retirement from the United States Air Force.

Maj. Gen. Peyer distinguished herself through exceptionally meritorious service to the Air Force and to the Nation during more than thirty-four years of active military service in peace and war, culminating as the Commanding General, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia.

Madam Speaker, throughout her career, Maj. Gen. Peyer has been in the forefront of Air Force logistics, serving in all command positions from squadron to wing level and has

held major command and headquarters-level positions. Among her many accomplishments, Maj. Gen. Peyer was directly responsible for ensuring the highest quality support to maintenance programs supporting the C-130, F-15, C-17, and C-5 aircraft, among others. Her commitment to excellence directly led the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center to garner 61 national, Air Force, and command organizational awards, and resulted in the Air Force's ability to achieve goals set for the troop surge in Afghanistan, while simultaneously supporting ongoing operations in Iraq.

Dedicated to the well-being of Team Robins, Maj. Gen. Peyer oversaw the development of the "You Matter" program to raise awareness of suicide and develop understanding, recognition, and skills to proactively prevent it. Maj. Gen. Peyer was also a staunch advocate of workplace safety and implemented the Commander's Safe Site Challenge to implement tenets of OSHA Voluntary Protection Programs. Furthermore, Maj. Gen. Peyer and her husband, Colonel (Retired) Brian Grady, were untiring advocates for various organizations, causes, and issues including one of our Nation's most outstanding gems, the Museum of Aviation.

Madam Speaker, Major General Peyer leaves the United States Air Force, the Department of Defense, the Nation, and the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center stronger through her vision and leadership. Her dedication to excellence and devotion to duty, honor, and country have marked her distinguished service. Her record of achievement and manner of service throughout her long career in positions of enormous responsibility are commensurate with honoring her in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. I thank her for her service.

TRIBUTE TO FRANCIS B. GIBBS

HON. CONNIE MACK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. MACK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor one of my most trusted advisors and closest friends, Francis B. Gibbs, who is moving on to new opportunities in the private sector.

Many staffers come and go on Capitol Hill, as many Members can attest, but I've been fortunate to have Francis at my side for over five years. He has been a dedicated public servant and a terrific sounding board for me, and he has been an incredible advocate and mentor for my staff.

Before serving as my Legislative Director and then my Chief of Staff, Francis worked for Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW as his Legislative Counsel. A native Floridian, Francis understands the values and attributes of our great State.

More importantly, Francis shares a strong passion for the ideals of freedom and free markets. He is deeply committed to the Constitution and the principles of federalism, and his work reflects his commitment to limiting the size and scope of an ever-intrusive federal government. A famous man once said, "No man is entitled to the blessings of freedom unless he be vigilant in its preservation." Francis has been, and always will be, a true patriot and defender of freedom.

While I am happy for Francis to begin this next phase of his professional career, make no mistake about it, he will be greatly missed. He has been a valuable member and an irreplaceable part of my team, but I know I can continue to count on his advice and friendship in the years ahead.

Madam Speaker, I would not be where I am today were it not for Francis' dedication, service and hard work. On behalf of the people of Florida's Fourteenth Congressional District, I want to thank Francis for his nearly ten years of service to the people of Florida and the Nation. He is my friend, he is a true public servant in every sense of the word, and I wish him all the best as he begins this new and exciting chapter of his life with his family.

IN HONOR OF ANGELO ROMEO, RESPECTED DIRECTOR OF THE GLOUCESTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Angelo Romeo as Director of the Gloucester County Department of Veterans Affairs. A resident of Newfield, New Jersey, Mr. Romeo has demonstrated a tireless work ethic and dedication to Gloucester County veterans that deserves recognition.

Mr. Romeo's life shows the strong influence of his mother and political mentor, Virginia Romeo, the first woman elected to the Newfield City Council. Following in her footsteps, Mr. Romeo first ran for a freeholder position in 1972 and was later appointed to fill Lee Ranstrom's seat in 1974 before winning his own election in 1975. He also served as a Captain in the U.S. Army from 1966–1969.

After a 20-year break from politics, Mr. Romeo joined the Department of Veterans Affairs in Gloucester County in 1998, where his part-time position quickly flourished into a full-time leadership role. Mr. Romeo excelled at finding and meeting the needs of veterans in Gloucester County.

Mr. Romeo worked tirelessly to establish the Veterans Affairs clinic and the Williamstown cemetery. Since the beginning of 2010, the VA clinic in Gloucester County has seen over 4,000 individuals with a combined 18,000 appointments. Furthermore, the State of New Jersey Chamber of Commerce and the U.S. Small Business Administration awarded the Veteran Small Business Advocate of the Year to Mr. Romeo.

Mr. Romeo and his wife, Susan, have four children and eight grandchildren whom they plan to take to Disney World after he retires next month.

Madam Speaker, Angelo Romeo's commitment to Gloucester County and its veterans must be recognized. I wish him the best in his future endeavors and thank him for his continued service to the veterans of Gloucester County.

HONORING DAVID S. AMERYUN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize David S. Ameryun. David 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 180, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

David has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years David 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, David has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

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

IN MEMORY OF U.S. ARMY SPECIALIST SHANNON "CHANEN" CHIHUAHUA

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a brave soldier, a dedicated citizen of Thomasville, Georgia, and a great American, U.S. Army Specialist Shannon "Chanen" Chihuahua, who selflessly gave his life while serving his country in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

Specialist Chihuahua was born in 1985, and was raised in Thomasville, Georgia. After graduating from Thomas County Central High School in 2004, he attended Valdosta State University. He met his loving wife, Kristen, in July of 2006 and the two were married November 4, 2006.

Answering the call to service, he enlisted in the U.S. Army. Specialist Chihuahua was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

His awards and decorations include: Purple Heart; Army Commendation Medal; Army Achievement Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Afghanistan Campaign Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Army Service Ribbon; NATO Medal; and Combat Medic Badge.

While deployed to Afghanistan, he was one of several service members tragically killed on November 12, 2010 when insurgents attacked his unit using small arms fire and rocket propelled grenades. He gave the ultimate sacrifice; he died while trying to save a fellow soldier, who was injured.

Specialist Chihuahua's death is a great loss to this country, as he was a man of great promise and honor. He was described as an energetic and positive person with a constant smile. He was well regarded by his peers and known for his congeniality.