

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I was unable to be present in the Capitol for all votes on Thursday, November 18, 2010. However, had I been present, I would have voted as follows: "yea" on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass S. 3774, Extending the deadline for Social Services Block Grant expenditures of supplemental funds appropriated following disasters occurring in 2008; "yea" on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H. Con. Res. 329, Recognizing the 35th anniversary of the enactment of the Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975; "yea" on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H. Res. 1677, Condemning the Burmese regime's undemocratic upcoming elections on November 7, 2010.

HONORING SURFING LEGEND
ANDY IRONS**HON. MAZIE K. HIRONO**

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Ms. HIRONO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to surfing legend Andy Irons, who passed away suddenly on November 2 at the age of 32. A kama'aina from Hanalei on the island of Kauai, Andy Irons was one of the sport's most recognized athletes with three world championship titles, an accomplishment that no other male surfer from Hawaii has been able to achieve. In all, Andy won 32 professional surfing contests, including 20 elite Association of Surfing Professionals World Tour tides and four Triple Crown tides. Currently ranked 16th in the world, Andy remains the highest-ranked professional surfer from Hawaii.

Known for his powerful, fluid style and ability to excel in all types of surf conditions, Andy Irons was not only highly respected by surfers in Hawaii but also served as an ambassador for Hawaii and the sport as he competed in events all over the world. Andy always made it a point to mentor local surfers and promote the sport in Hawaii, including hosting the Irons Brothers Pine Trees Classic with his brother Bruce for up-and-coming surfers on Kauai over the past nine years.

Although he went on hiatus from competing professionally in 2008 and 2009, Andy made a comeback this year, winning the Billabong Pro Teahupoo in Tahiti in September. He was also expected to be a top contender in the Vans Triple Crown of Surfing this month on the North Shore of Oahu, a three-event series that he won from 2002 to 2006.

Andy is survived by his wife, Lyndie, who is expecting their first child next month; father, Phil; mother, Danielle; and brother, Bruce. In addition to the thousands of people who paid tribute to Andy at a memorial "paddle out" service at Hanalei Bay on the North Shore of Kauai on November 14, thousands of fans, friends, and competitors around the world held similar memorials in solidarity.

Andy served as an inspiration to the people of Hawaii and to the surfing community around the world. He will be greatly missed.

A TRIBUTE TO CALVIN "CAL"
WORTHINGTON**HON. DANIEL E. LUNGREN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Calvin "Cal" Worthington, a great American entrepreneur who is turning 90 years old this week.

When I think of Mr. Worthington, the first thing which comes to mind is that he is a true "Renaissance Man." He proudly served our country in the United States Army Air Corps in World War II as a B-17 Bomber pilot, and because of his heroic skills during the military campaign in Germany, he was awarded the Air Medal five times, as well as the Distinguished Flying Cross.

When Mr. Worthington returned to the States, he eventually became one of the most successful car salesmen in the country. With his dealerships in five States, Cal quickly demonstrated an aptitude for drawing in customers. His name today still evokes memories of tantalizing jingles as well as images of zoo animals and stunts, as he is best known for his lively commercials with his "dog" Spot. His advertisements were received with high national acclaim, due to the fact that Spot was never a dog. Instead, Spot was always an exotic animal, such as a tiger, chimpanzee, lion, bear, goose, rhinoceros, skunk, water buffalo, snake, elephant or seal.

Mr. Worthington's sense of humor, tremendous business skills, love of music and the arts, and his desire to continually improve his community will be his legacy. It is an honor to recognize Cal Worthington for his immense dedication to improving the quality of life for so many individuals and for his commitment to excellence. He has served our Nation proudly and I am privileged to say that he will always be my friend. Happy 90th birthday, Cal; in dog years you are now officially 630 years old!

HONORING TIMMOTHY HANS-
ROBERT HILLER**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 Timmothy Hans-Robert Hiller. Timmothy 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.

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

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Timmothy Hans-Robert Hiller for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CONGRESSIONAL RECOGNITION
FOR PUEBLO DEL SOL ELEMEN-
TARY SCHOOL**HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Pueblo Del Sol Elementary School in Sierra Vista, Arizona which has been designated a 2010 National Blue Ribbon School.

This is a significant honor for the students, parents, teachers, staff and administrators of Pueblo Del Sol, which is in Arizona's 8th Congressional District. Pueblo Del Sol was among just four schools in the State of Arizona and 304 in the Nation to receive this prestigious award.

Principal Jim Sprigg as well as former Principal John Wilson, who retired last year, played major roles in leading the school to this award. I extend my congratulations to both of them for establishing and maintaining an outstanding tradition of educational excellence.

It also is important to note that this award would not have been possible without the dedication of Pueblo Del Sol students who come to school each day ready to learn and anxious to apply themselves to their education. The success of the students would not have been possible without the support and guidance given to them by their parents.

We have, unfortunately, become accustomed to hearing discouraging educational news. We are encouraged, however, that those affiliated with Pueblo Del Sol Elementary School have shown that even with tight financial constraints, schools with students and teachers who are determined to succeed will excel.

The people of Sierra Vista and the members of the Sierra Vista Unified School District should be very proud to have such a stellar school in their community. I share their pride and am pleased to have Pueblo Del Sol Elementary School in my Congressional District as an example of the excellence that is possible in our public education system.

I am honored to recognize the students, parents, teachers, staff and administrators of Pueblo Del Sol on this outstanding national award. It is a testament to their dedication, perseverance and an unwavering commitment to learning.

NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE
MONTH 2009**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the DREAM Act.

We are a nation built by the hard work and personal achievements of immigrants. We

must take strides to move immigration reform forward and now is the time to do it. Now is the time to help millions of young people achieve the American Dream.

Improving access to education for immigrants is an important piece of reform. Education has always been a priority of mine and, in order to build a stronger nation, we should encourage those who want to become Americans to pursue their education.

The DREAM Act also allows for permanent resident status to be given to those who served for two years in the military. It is only fitting that we afford this status to individuals who are willing to lay down their lives if need be for the protection of this great nation.

My esteemed colleagues, I urge you to uphold the ideals of the American Dream; vote in favor of the DREAM Act. Thank you.

NATIONAL AWARD CENTER

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. RAHALL. Madam Speaker, for the last several decades multi-billion dollar trade deficits have continued to disadvantage American industries and manufacturing, and that means American jobs. Businesses, like the National Award Center, are working with employers and employees to promote critical economic priorities of higher productivity, more innovation and a strong, competitive work ethic. I commend these national priorities to all companies, organizations and related government agencies, federal, state and local which are trying to level the playing field for the United States in the global marketplace. I congratulate the National Award Center in its inaugural year.

HONORING ALBERT BURSTEIN'S
APPOINTMENT AS CHEVALIER
OF THE FRENCH LEGION OF
HONOR

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize my dear friend Mr. Albert Burstein upon his appointment as Chevalier of the Legion of Honor by the President of the French Republic, Mr. Nicolas Sarkozy. This prestigious distinction was conferred upon Mr. Burstein on November 11, 2010 to express the deep appreciation and gratitude of the French people for his contribution to the liberation of their country during World War II.

Mr. Burstein joined the United States Army on May 8, 1943 in Fort Dix, New Jersey. He became a member of the 44th Infantry Division and was soon shipped overseas, where his outfit was quickly engaged in combat in the south central region of France. Having received Army specialized training in the German language, Mr. Burstein was placed in charge of troops at the front lines in order to watch for oncoming German counter attacks. Following his honorable discharge from the

Army, Mr. Burstein was awarded both the Combat Infantryman Badge and the Bronze Star Medal.

Albert Burstein's extraordinary accomplishments and steadfast devotion to public service continued after his departure from the military. Al served as a member of the New Jersey General Assembly from 1971 to 1981, during which he held several leadership positions, including Chairman of the Assembly Education Committee and Assembly Majority Leader. He remained committed to improving the quality of schools in the State of New Jersey and across the country, serving as a member and chairman of numerous education commissions and boards. On the federal level, Mr. Burstein was appointed by the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare to serve as Chairman of the Model Adoption Legislation and Procedures Advisory Panel from 1978 to 1979.

Mr. Burstein continues to provide his expertise and leadership to the people of New Jersey as partner in a distinguished law firm in Hackensack, New Jersey—Herten, Burstein, Sheridan, Cevasco, Bottinelli, Litt & Harz, L.L.C. He is an active member of his community and has been recognized for his legal work in Bergen County. Mr. Burstein is a great source of pride and admiration for his loving family, including his wife Ruth; his children Jeff, Diane, and Laura; and his grandchildren Alexandra, William, and Julia.

Madam Speaker, today I would like to congratulate Albert Burstein on being honored by the people of France and thank him for both his military heroism and his lifelong commitment to serving our great Nation. I am grateful to have had such a dedicated and outstanding individual as an honored friend and role model for over 30 years.

HONORING THOMAS ANDREW
GEISINGER

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 Thomas Andrew Geisinger. Thomas 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.

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

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

IN HONOR OF GENERAL C. ROBERT
KEHLER, COMMANDER, AIR
FORCE SPACE COMMAND

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, let me take this opportunity to pay tribute to General C. Robert Kehler. The President of the United States nominated him to be the next Commander of United States Strategic Command. General Kehler became Commander of Air Force Space Command in October 2007 and he leads the world's greatest space and cyberspace force.

General Kehler entered the Air Force in 1975 as a distinguished graduate of the Pennsylvania State University Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program. His exemplary Air Force career is marked by command at the squadron, group and wing levels, and a broad range of experience in intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) operations, space launch, space operations, missile warning, and space control.

General Kehler began his illustrious career as a Minuteman Combat Crewmember. His Air Force journey would take him and his wife, Marjorie, through a series of Air Force and Joint assignments. As the Chief of the Strategic Missile Branch in the Secretary of the Air Force's Office of Legislative Liaison, he was the Secretary's point man on Capitol Hill for matters regarding the President's ICBM Modernization Program. As Director of the National Security Space Office, he integrated the activities of a number of space organizations on behalf of the Under Secretary of the Air Force and Director, National Reconnaissance Office. Prior to assuming his current position, General Kehler was the Deputy Commander, U.S. Strategic Command.

In his current assignment as Commander, Air Force Space Command, General Kehler is responsible for organizing, equipping, training and maintaining mission-ready space and cyberspace forces and capabilities for North American Aerospace Defense Command, U.S. Strategic Command, and other combatant commands around the world. He provides inspirational leadership to more than 46,000 personnel responsible for mission areas ranging from assured access to space to on-orbit space operations, space situational awareness, and cyberspace operations. General Kehler's dynamic leadership capabilities were vital to the transfer of the ICBM mission to the newly established Air Force Global Strike Command and in standing up the 24th Air Force to execute the Air Force's cyberspace mission. His decisive and visionary leadership of Air Force Space Command earned National Defense Industrial Association recognition as the 2009 Hartinger Award winner for "Outstanding Achievement in the Military Space Mission of the United States."

Madam Speaker, the American people have been fortunate to have General Kehler serving as the Commander of Air Force Space Command for the past three years. Marjorie, and their two sons, Matt and Jared, can be proud of his fine character and dedication to service. He will be greatly missed in Colorado Springs, but the community's loss is the country's gain. I know my fellow Members of the House of