

Branch, a member of the Habitat for Humanity Paterson Chapter Tenants Selection Committee for Home Ownership. He was the 1st African-American elected chairman of the Paterson Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, and he served as Project Housing Manager of Christopher Columbus Housing Development and as Manager of the Riverside Terrace Housing Development. He also served as Paterson's 4th Ward Leader of the Passaic County Democratic Party for many years. He was known for his superb social mannerisms and good conversation.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing the lifetime achievement of a giving person such as Sergeant Willie James Quince.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, Willie's family and friends, and me in recognizing the late Sergeant Willie James Quince's outstanding life of service to his community.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 87TH ANNIVERSARY OF TURKEY'S REPUBLIC DAY

#### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my congratulations to the Republic of Turkey on the occasion of the 87th anniversary of Republic Day.

On October 29, 1923, the new republic was declared in the new capital of Ankara. Mustafa Kemal Atatürk was the founder and first President of the Republic of Turkey, and his leadership proved essential to the foundation for the secular republic. In recent decades, the republic has strengthened politically and economically.

Turkey's membership in NATO, beginning in 1952, has been one facet of a strong relationship between Turkey and the United States. It is important that our two nations continue to work together toward our common goals.

I extend my best wishes to the citizens of Turkey, and urge my colleagues to recognize this important occasion.

#### EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION CONTINUATION ACT

SPEECH OF

#### HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. CAMP. Madam Speaker, on November 18, 2010, U.S. Department of Labor Secretary Hilda Solis said the fact that the U.S. unemployment rate was 9.6 percent in October 2010 (as opposed to 10.1 percent in October 2009) "tells you . . . we are on the right path."

The facts show that the U.S. unemployment rate has been 9.5 percent or above for 15 consecutive months—the longest period since the Great Depression of the 1930s.

The unemployment rate hasn't fallen since spring—when hundreds of thousands of temporary Census jobs were "created."

And Democrats promised us if their 2009 stimulus law passed, the unemployment rate would be 7 percent by now, which as the chart below reflects didn't happen.

All of which suggests unemployment at 9.6 percent is not the right path for American workers, regardless of what Secretary Solis believes.

This bill reflects a cynical political maneuver by the Democratic leadership. They know the Senate has no plans to pass this unpaid-for bill. So all the claims that today's legislation will save Thanksgiving are just more empty rhetoric.

The fact is, this is exactly what happened this summer, when Democrats brought a similar unpaid-for extension bill up under suspensions. That failed, because enough Republicans and Democrats opposed simply adding to the deficit. You would think our Democrat colleagues would have learned that lesson, and either brought this up for an up or down vote, or actually paid for it. Instead, we get more of the same "our way or the highway" approach.

It will not pass, and the other side knows it. We should reject this bill and work together to quickly pass a bill to extend federal unemployment benefits while responsibly paying for it.

#### HONORING GEORGE THOMAS "MICKEY" LELAND

#### HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Congressman George Thomas "Mickey" Leland, who lost his life in a plane crash during a humanitarian mission in Ethiopia. Were he still with us, he would have turned 66 last week on November 27.

Congressman Leland was best known for his advocacy for low-income families and individuals, both at home and abroad. Before he even held political office, he was active in pressing for crucial health care reforms in Houston, such as community health clinics. In 1972 he ran for the Texas House of Representatives as a member of the "People's Five," a slate of minority candidates in a state that had not seen an African American state representative since Reconstruction. Congressman Leland won his election, and two subsequent reelections. In his tenure, he was lauded for his work to allow generic drugs to be prescribed, lowering costs and increasing access to life-saving medications for many Texans.

In 1978, Congressman Leland took over the seat vacated by Barbara Jordan's retirement from the United States House of Representatives. He was reelected to his position as a United States Congressman five times, typically winning majorities of 90 percent or more. Initially he drew attention with his unique sense of style, later for his ability to develop bipartisan partnerships. Congressman Leland chaired the Congressional Black Caucus in the 99th Congress, from 1985 to 1987. He was an ally to all minority groups, including the many Latinos in his district. He once surprised his colleagues by arguing in Spanish on the House Floor in favor of preserving the bilingual clauses of the Voting Rights Act.

However, Congressman Leland's greatest passion—the fight against world hunger—was born during a three-month trip through East Africa. There, he witnessed mobs of people rubbing their stomachs and pleading for food in Ethiopian refugee camps. There, he held a young girl in his arms as she died of starvation. After that fateful visit, Congressman Leland became a dedicated crusader, raising awareness of domestic and international hunger. He was instrumental in the creation of the Select Committee on Hunger, which in 1984 was able to push through Congress a nearly \$800 million aid package for famine relief. He continued to travel to Africa frequently, often guiding his Congressional colleagues to refugee camps so they could see for themselves the dramatic impact of the aid money.

It was during a trip to Africa, during which he planned to monitor the delivery of supplies and inspect a refugee camp on August 7, 1989, that Congressman Leland's plane crashed into a mountainside. He and 15 others died in the course of this humanitarian mission. Many of the communities he had touched, both in Texas and nationally, were quick to honor his memory with awards, dedications, and outreach projects in Africa. His greatest legacy is, of course, his family—he is survived by his wife Alison and his three children.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing this remarkable man for his lifetime of service.

#### INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA GAINING A PERMANENT SEAT ON THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL

#### HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce a resolution in support of the Republic of India gaining a permanent seat on the United Nations Security Council. Addressing a joint session of India's Parliament this past November 8, President Obama said that "the United States not only welcomes India as a rising global power, we fervently support it." I could not agree more. In recent years India has proven to be a solid and supportive ally of the United States. As the international community looks to reform the policies and procedures of the Security Council, no nation deserves a seat at the table more than India.

As the world's most populous democracy—and second most-populous nation—India is an increasingly influential power, not only in its neighborhood in South Asia but also on the world's stage. India is one of the fastest-growing economies in the world, enjoys the second-largest labor force, and is rapidly becoming a major hub for high-tech industry, telecommunications, and automobile manufacturing. As a major export/import nation, India is an important trading partner for dozens of countries around the world.

India's position at the nexus of global security issues, from Pakistan and Kashmir to

China and the Indian Ocean, makes its participation in international security decisions essential. Having already provided tens of thousands of troops for dozens of UN peacekeeping missions around the world, India has earned a permanent role for itself in security decision-making, global conflict resolution, and questions of war and peace. As a nation which has suffered more casualties from terrorism than almost any other, India's commitment to effective counterterrorism measures is aligned with the United States' goals, and India has proved an indispensable ally with respect to our efforts in South Asia.

Finally, India regularly participates in numerous regional and international organizations, including the G20, the World Trade Organization, the East Asian Summit, and the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation. India has thus demonstrated a commitment to international dialogue and constructive engagement, and, indeed, enjoys good relations with most countries around the world.

Madam Speaker, India is already a nation of great influence, respect, ambition, and ability, and a trusted member of the international community. An overwhelming majority of the United Nations General Assembly recently elected India to serve as the Asian regional representative to the Security Council. The permanent membership of the Security Council reflects the reality of global power in the immediate aftermath of World War II—not today's 21st century reality of rising powers. As President Obama and many other world leaders have pointed out, India deserves a permanent seat on a reformed Security Council, where its voice and clout will be a much-welcomed and much-needed addition to the global security regime. I strongly applaud this effort and urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

#### OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

#### HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 29, 2010*

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$13,794,243,004,364.88.

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 \$3,155,817,258,071.00 so far this Congress.

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

#### TRIBUTE TO DR. MALCOLM MILLER

#### HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 29, 2010*

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the life of Dr. Malcolm Miller, a retired anesthesiologist and Mayor of the City of Norco, California. Malcolm passed

away last night at the age of 65 after a brief battle with liver cancer. He will be deeply missed.

Dr. Miller graduated from medical school from the University of Cape Town in South Africa and specialized as an anesthesiologist at Harvard Medical School. After teaching at Harvard for three years, he transferred to the University of California, Irvine where he taught as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Anesthesiology.

Dr. Miller later entered private practice at Orange County's St. Joseph Hospital and Children's Hospital where he served as Chairman of the Department of Anesthesiology and as a member of the Board of Trustees. He was elected as the District Director for the Orange County Society of Anesthesiologists and served on the Board of Directors of the California Society of Anesthesiologists. He also served as a member of the Claims Review Committee of the Cooperative of American Physicians.

Dr. Miller is a naturalized citizen of the United States. He moved to Norco in 1997 when he married his wife, Donna, a longtime resident. Since then, he has served on the Streets and Trails Commission and was elected to the Norco City Council in 2007. Both Dr. Miller and his wife have been avid equestrians, and proud members of the Norco Horsemen's Association. Furthermore, Dr. Miller was a strong advocate for an innovative and forward-thinking project to convert animal waste into a renewable energy source.

Dr. Miller was in his first term on the City Council after being elected in 2007, and will be remembered for using his profound intellect to better the community around him.

On behalf of all those who knew him, it is my honor to offer these remarks as a tribute to the remarkable life and legacy of Dr. Miller. His life and presence will be sorely missed and I extend my condolences to his wife and his dear family and friends.

#### TRIBUTE TO NANCY KAUFMAN

#### HON. JOHN F. TIERNEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 29, 2010*

Mr. TIERNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Nancy K. Kaufman. For the past 20 years, Ms. Kaufman has served as the Executive Director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston, an umbrella group for 42 local and national Jewish organizations. She has been a charismatic leader for JCRC, for the Boston Jewish community and for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

I have had the privilege of knowing Nancy for many years, and have traveled to Israel with her. Those who know Nancy can attest to her energy, effectiveness and enthusiasm for building a better world.

Due to Nancy's efforts, JCRC's impact has been felt across the country. As a result of her vision, passion and determination, the organization has developed a national model for creating community cohesion and building bridges. As an advocate for those in need, a community organizer and one committed to maintaining strong ties between Israel and the United States, Nancy has led the Jewish com-

munity with distinction and passion, and has been an outspoken and effective advocate for issues of importance to the Jewish community at the state and federal level.

Before joining the JCRC, Nancy worked for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as Deputy Director of the Governor's Office of Human Resources, Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services and Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Public Welfare. Starting in January 2011, Ms. Kaufman will join the National Council of Jewish Women as its new President.

Ms. Kaufman is the recipient of several distinguished awards, including the Littauer Award for Excellence from the Kennedy School of Government and the Award for Greatest Contribution to Social Policy and Social Change from the Massachusetts chapter of National Association of Social Workers. Ms. Kaufman was also awarded the Warren B. Kohn Award for Jewish Communal Service in 2001, and was noted among the "Top 50" American Jewish leaders in the Forward Newspaper in 2000.

As she concludes her tenure at the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston, I wish to recognize Nancy Kaufman for her outstanding achievements as a citizen and advocate and wish her continued success in her new position.

#### HONORING MIKE COX

#### HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 29, 2010*

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge the distinguished career of Mike Cox, Michigan's 52nd Attorney General.

Born on December 29, 1961, the son of Irish immigrants, Michael Anthony Cox graduated from Detroit Catholic Central High School in 1980 and went on to serve his country as a Marine from 1980 until 1983. Serving with distinction, Mike Cox rose to the rank of Corporal and earned the Navy Achievement Medal and Command Marine of the Year Designation.

Mike Cox graduated from the University of Michigan in 1986, before earning his Juris Doctorate from the University of Michigan Law School in 1989. Mike worked in the Oakland County Prosecutors' office from 1989–1990. Mr. Cox joined the Wayne County Prosecutors' Office from 1990–2002, serving as Director of the Homicide Unit from 2000–2002. With tireless devotion to the citizens of Michigan, Mike Cox was elected Attorney General of the State of Michigan in 2002 and again in 2006.

During his tenure, Attorney General Cox has recovered a record \$3.2 billion for Michigan consumers while also saving taxpayers more than \$1.7 billion in defense of state lawsuits. Fighting utility rate increases, Attorney General Cox has saved families and businesses more than \$2.4 billion. He diligently fought rate hikes for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan enrollees and implemented a website allowing consumers to find the fairest price on prescription drugs.

As a father of four and a Little League coach, Mike Cox has set the protection of children as a top priority. By establishing the nation's first Child Support Unit, Attorney General Cox has helped more than 60,000 of