

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

Michigan's youngest citizens receive the child support owed them and the unit is on track to collect over \$100 million by early 2011. His expanded efforts to keep children safe while online have resulted in the arrest of 258 internet sexual predators, making Michigan's Internet Predator Unit one of the most productive in the country. Cox's office developed the Michigan Cyber Safety Initiative. This innovative program has reached more than a half million.

With his unwavering commitment to all citizens, Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox has actively sought to protect our vulnerable senior citizens from unscrupulous caregivers, testified before Congress in defense of the embattled auto industry and led the fight to keep dangerously invasive Asian Carp from destroying our bountiful Great Lakes.

Madam Speaker, during his distinguished career, Attorney General has bettered the lives of countless Michiganders. As he embarks upon the next chapter of his life with his beloved wife Laura and his children Lindsey, Sinead, Conor and Rory, I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding his legendary leadership, and in thanking him for his unfaltering service to our community and our country.

#### TAXPAYER RECEIPT ACT OF 2010

### HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 29, 2010*

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, Oliver Wendell Holmes said "taxes are the price we pay for a civilized society" and taxes are a very big topic in our national debate today. How much federal income tax people pay and what those taxes buy is not well understood by many Americans. It is hard and complicated to figure out. Very little information about how tax revenues are spent is ever made available to the American people. This results in significant misinformation. For example, a Washington Post and Kaiser Foundation poll found that by a margin of two to one, Americans believe that the federal government spends more on foreign aid than on either Social Security or Medicare. This is why I am introducing the Taxpayer Receipt Act of 2010. This bill requires the Secretary of the Treasury to provide each taxpayer with a simple annual statement explaining how his or her federal income tax dollars were spent.

Similar to the annual Social Security statement, the Taxpayer Receipt will show the taxpayer's income tax liability, the amount of the liability spent on major spending categories, and the actual federal outlays for each category. It will also provide information on the state of the deficit and the 10 costliest tax breaks for that year. This simple annual Taxpayer Receipt will provide clear and consistent information to taxpayers that will serve to educate taxpayers on government spending—a subject full of misinformation.

Thomas Jefferson once said, "Information is the currency of democracy." To that end, providing Americans with information and transparency on government spending is essential to maintaining the strength and health of our democracy.

#### TO SUPPORT THE NUCLEAR ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2010

### 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 today to support H.R. 5866, the Nuclear Energy Research and Development Act of 2010.

I am proud to see this vital piece of legislation up for consideration under suspension of the rules today. My colleagues and I on the Science and Technology Committee worked tirelessly on this bill which amends the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to modify and augment existing nuclear research and development programs at the Department of Energy. This legislation is an important step in ensuring the next generation of affordable and safe nuclear energy.

Our country should focus on creating environmentally safe and economically sustainable nuclear energy in order to reduce reliance on fossil-fuel resources. I was pleased the Science and Technology Committee included an amendment I offered during the Energy and Environment Subcommittee Markup on July 27th, 2010 which is now section 13 of H.R. 5866. Section 13 calls for the Secretary of Energy to work with the National Academies to conduct a long-term operating study of our Nation's existing nuclear power plants.

We need to know how long these facilities can last safely and what can be done to maintain these plants better. We should also identify what major impediments are threatening their long-term operational viability. To help transition to a low carbon economy, Congress needs these questions answered.

The United States currently has 104 reactors in 31 States that generate approximately 20 percent of our nation's electricity. Data indicates that it is possible that one-third of nuclear facilities in our country will be retired in the next 20–25 years. Given that nuclear power provides approximately 20 percent of the electricity in the United States, this topic is of critical national concern.

Many existing nuclear facilities in the U.S. are nearing the end of their initial 40-year licenses. Many of these facilities are likely to seek and receive license renewals for an additional 20 years. As the demand for low-carbon electricity grows, it is not too soon to identify options for these plants beyond the 60-year mark. The dearth of new nuclear units necessitates that our current nuclear infrastructure must continue to operate reliably, safely, and efficiently.

In the U.S. there are 59 nuclear plants that have reapplied for licenses through the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for an additional 20 years, taking the age of their plants from 40 to 60. The need to demonstrate the technical and financial feasibility of extending the life of nuclear facilities beyond 60 years is evident. Madam Speaker, the best way to lower energy costs is to identify and implement affordable clean energy.

I would like to thank Chairman BART GORDON for introducing this critical legislation. I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation in order to shed some light on the best path forward for our National Nuclear R&D strategy.

#### PROVIDING RELIEF TO THE UNEMPLOYED

### HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 29, 2010*

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, the current recession has impacted the lives of millions of American families. Unemployment rates in the past 3 years have reached record highs, with competition for employment so steep that roughly five Americans compete for every available job. Providing meaningful relief to the unemployed in these scarce times is, by definition, our responsibility as legislators.

To get through these hard times, millions of unemployed Americans are raiding their retirement savings to put food on the table. In 2007, over 34 million Americans participated in their employer-sponsored retirement plans, and over 20 million Americans had an Individual Retirement Account. Unfortunately, withdrawing retirement funds early can carry stiff penalties. That is why I am introducing legislation to waive the penalty for unemployed taxpayers who have turned to their retirement savings for an early distribution. This bill will waive the penalty for such distributions made during 2009, 2010, or 2011, so long as the taxpayer received 12 consecutive weeks of unemployment compensation in the year the distribution was made.

In creating retirement accounts with special tax treatment, Congress was encouraging saving towards a financially stable retirement. It was the right thing to do. Congress wanted these funds to be for retirement, but Congress did not foresee the economic disaster we are going through. By allowing temporary, penalty-free withdrawals from retirement accounts when folks are unemployed we are helping the unemployed when they need it most.

#### HONORING BRUCE PATTERSON

### 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 Bruce Patterson, Michigan State Senator representing the 7th District.

Born in Detroit, Michigan on February 7, 1947, Senator Patterson now resides in Canton. After graduating from Redford High School, he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Wayne State University in 1969, and thereafter, in 1972, a Juris Doctorate Degree from Wayne State University Law School.

Prior to beginning his storied political career, Senator Patterson served 20 years as an Associate Attorney, Vice President and President of McCabe, Middleton and Patterson, PC. Senator Patterson has been a member of the State Bar of Michigan since 1972 and was a member of the Plymouth-Canton Public School's Educational Excellence Foundation Board of Directors from 1989–1997. As Director of Planned Giving for Eastern Michigan University, Senator Patterson diligently worked from 1991 to 1994. He devoted his time and energy as President of the Canton Economic Club from 1991 to 1992 and to the Canton