

the Ames Tribune and to the Ames community. It is an honor to serve as his representative, and I wish Verle and his wife Jo a happy and healthy retirement.

CONGRATULATING MAJ. GEN.
(RET.) CHARLES METCALF

HON. STEVE AUSTRIA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. AUSTRIA. Madam Speaker, it is an honor to join the people of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District in congratulating Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Charles Metcalf upon his retirement as director of the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force.

Prior to his service as director, he served in the U.S. Air Force for nearly 36 years on active duty in a variety of financial management and planning positions, retiring in 1991 in the grade of major general. His awards and honors include the Distinguished Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Defense Superior Service Medal, and the Legion of Merit.

Following his retirement from active duty, General Metcalf began his service as head administrator for the museum in 1996 and in 2005 he was appointed to the Senior Executive Service.

For the last 14 years he has managed the world's largest and oldest military aviation museum. The internationally acclaimed museum is located on the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio and portrays the heritage and traditions of the Air Force through specialized exhibits.

Under General Metcalf's management, the museum had flourished. In 2003, the museum began a long-term, multi-phased expansion with the building of the Eugene W. Kettering Cold War Gallery and the Missile Gallery, as well as the renovations to the Korean War exhibit. With these new additions, the museum provides more than 17 acres of indoor exhibition space. Future plans call for a Space Gallery, a Presidential Aircraft Interpretive Center, and a Global Reach Gallery.

During his tenure, General Metcalf increased museum attendance from 800,000 to nearly 1.4 million visitors and achieved the highest national recognition for a museum, the American Association of Museums accreditation in 1998 and reaccreditation in 2008.

General Metcalf also led the charge in changing the name of the museum, which was previously known as the United States Air Force Museum. The change reinforces the museum's national mission and its world-class collection, placing it at a level with the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum in Washington, DC, the National Museum of Naval Aviation in Pensacola, Florida, and the National Museum of the Marine Corps.

General Metcalf has been dedicated to supporting the motto of the museum, "we are the keepers of their stories." He will forever be remembered for his advocacy for preserving our heritage to honor our veterans, many who gave their lives to protect our freedoms. The work he has done will stand as a lasting monument to the memory of those who have gone before, as well as his dedication to the exploration of our nation's history.

In addition to his duties as director, he provides technical and professional guidance to

the U.S. Air Force Heritage Program which includes 12 Air Force field museums and 260 domestic and international heritage sites.

He also was very active outside of his work at the museum and currently serves as the vice president of the Central Region for Boy Scouts of America, as well as on the organization's Leadership and Standards Committee. He is a former member of the Oakwood, Ohio City Council, and previously served on the Board of Directors for the Greater Dayton United Way, Ohio; the Board of Trustees for the County Corp Development, Dayton, Ohio; the Board of Directors for Greater Dayton Public Television, Ohio; and the National Alumni Board, Michigan State University.

Madam Speaker, I ask my fellow colleagues to join me and the constituents of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District in congratulating General Charles Metcalf for his outstanding service to our nation and the State of Ohio. His work today has ensured that the museum will see many future successes and our nation's history will be preserved for generations to come.

HONORING RICHARD JOHN PASTOR

HON. THADDEUS G. MCCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. MCCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the extraordinary life of Richard John Pastor and mourn him upon his passing at the age of 79.

Born on June 22, 1931, Richard Pastor dedicated his life to serving his community and his country. After honorably serving his country as a member of the United States Army, Richard came home to proudly become the second generation owner of his family's three generation Michigan based construction business, George H. Pastor and Sons.

Regrettably, on November 27, 2010, Richard Pastor passed from this earthly world to his eternal reward. He is survived by his beloved wife of 54 years, Carol and his children, Craig, Mahala, John, Tim, and Sharon. Preceding him in death was his son Keith. Richard leaves a legacy of 12 grandchildren and was a devoted brother to Jean and Robert. A courageous and honorable man, Richard will be sorely missed.

Madam Speaker, Richard Pastor is remembered as a compassionate father, a dedicated husband, honorable soldier, caring business owner, involved leader, and a true friend. Richard was a man who deeply treasured his family, friends, community and his country. Today, as we bid Richard John Pastor farewell, I ask my colleagues to join me in mourning his passing and honoring his unwavering patriotism and legendary service to our country and community.

OPIC CONTRIBUTES TO DEFICIT
REDUCTION

HON. DONALD A. MANZULLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. MANZULLO. Madam Speaker, two weeks ago, the Treasury Department released

the details of the Federal budget deficit for Fiscal Year 2010. While many of the numbers were grim, at least one federal agency—the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, OPIC—reported a net income of nearly \$260 million and contributed a net positive balance to the Federal budget deficit of \$352 million in FY 10. In fact, this represents the 33rd consecutive year that OPIC has made a positive contribution to the Federal budget. These numbers were also confirmed by an independent external auditor, KPMG.

OPIC's earnings are generated through fees charged to users of their financing and insurance programs, as well as interest earned on its growing reserves, which now total about \$5 billion. Because OPIC charges market-based fees for its products, it operates on a self-sustaining basis at no net cost to the taxpayers. This is not counting the tax revenue generated by the more than 274,000 U.S. jobs that OPIC projects have supported over the past 39 years. In FY 10, OPIC-supported projects are estimated to generate \$624 million in U.S. exports and to support nearly 1,000 American jobs. Eighty of the 97 projects supported by OPIC in FY 10 involved U.S. small businesses.

Thus, it would be counterproductive to close down OPIC because that action would actually reduce an incoming revenue stream to the Federal government and exasperate our budget deficit problem. In addition, if OPIC were terminated, many current users of OPIC would simply switch to investment insurance and financing programs of foreign governments, which would result in the shifting of U.S. jobs and tax revenue overseas, because there is no private company that provides long-term political risk insurance. That is why I encourage Congress to pass a multi-year reauthorization bill for OPIC, S. 705/H.R. 5975.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 584, had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

NATIONAL MESOTHELIOMA
AWARENESS DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I introduced House Resolution 771 on September 24, 2009 to recognize the 3,000 Americans diagnosed with Mesothelioma each year and raise awareness about this rare form of cancer. After more than a year of work, a coalition of support came together to mark September 26, 2010 as the first ever "National Mesothelioma Awareness Day." I have to thank 58 of my colleagues—both Democrats and Republicans—who co-sponsored this resolution and all the advocates for their work.

Mesothelioma is an asbestos-linked cancer most often found in a person's chest, lungs, or

abdomen. More than a million Americans are exposed to dangerous levels of asbestos while on the job, including military personnel, firefighters, and construction workers. In fact, workers in our own Capitol complex are suffering from asbestos exposure. Many of these individuals are unaware of the risk at the time of exposure.

Despite decades of warnings about the dangers of asbestos, too many Americans are still unaware of the devastating nature of this disease. Although over 50 countries have banned asbestos, the United States has not. It is found in millions of products sold in this country, including brake pads, roofing materials, and gaskets.

The fight against Mesothelioma is a personal issue for me. In 2000, my friend and predecessor Congressman Bruce Vento was diagnosed with Pleural Mesothelioma. The news was devastating for his family, friends, and all of us in Minnesota that knew him. Bruce represented Minnesota's Fourth Congressional District from 1977–2000. During his service in Congress, he was tireless advocate on behalf of his constituents and a national champion for environmental protection and the rights of the homeless.

Awareness is critical for early diagnosis and treatment. "National Mesothelioma Awareness Day" honors those living with Mesothelioma, those that have died from the disease, and their families. House Resolution 771 is an important step toward educating the nation about the causes of this deadly disease and the need for better treatments and additional research.

I strongly urge all of my colleagues to support passage of this bipartisan resolution.

TRIBUTE TO ALEXA LINGREN

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the achievement of Alexa Lingren, a 4-H member from Pilot Mound, Iowa, who recently received a leadership project award from the Mary Jo and Glen Mente Endowment and the 4-H Foundation. This award is given only to those who demonstrate leadership in 4-H and in their local communities. I would like to express my congratulations to Alexa for receiving this award and my appreciation to her for her leadership.

For the last eight years, Alexa has been an active leader in 4-H. She served on the 4-H council in Boone County, served as club president, and received many state awards in citizenship. She also participated in the safety, swine, sheep, and self-determined 4-H project areas, and she was named the runner-up fair queen at the Boone County Fair.

4-H has enabled Alexa to be an active leader within her community. Alexa co-chaired six community improvement grants that benefited both the local youth shelter and area farmers. She believes that 4-H has given her the talent and the skills to help others, which she finds to be enriching.

I commend Alexa Lingren for her service to 4-H and her community, and I know my colleagues in Congress will join me in congratulating Alexa for her achievement. It is an

honor to represent Alexa in Congress, and I wish her the best of luck in the future.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF MR. RAYMOND MATJASIC

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Mr. Raymond Matjasic, a nationally honored photographer. His passionately accumulated expertise covered events such as the Marine Corps during World War II, Major League Baseball's 1948 and 1954 World Series, and the Presidential Inaugurations of Presidents Nixon and Carter.

Mr. Matjasic was born in Cleveland, Ohio in 1920 and remained a lifelong resident of the area. Ray began his career with the Cleveland Plain Dealer at the age of nine as a paper delivery boy. After graduating from John Hay High School, he began working in the Plain Dealer's circulation department. It was during this time that his interest for photography was peaked. As a Marine, Matjasic photographed his colleagues during World War II in the South Pacific. Upon his return to Cleveland in 1945 he joined the Plain Dealer's photo department. Mr. Matjasic was the Plain Dealer's chief photographer from 1964 until his retirement in 1983. Throughout his illustrious career, Mr. Matjasic won dozens of awards, and was named to the Cleveland Press Club Hall of Fame.

Photography was more than just a job for Mr. Matjasic, it was a passion that he loved to share with others. He traveled and lectured at many colleges and universities including Ohio State University, Bowling Green State University, and Kent State University. He also helped establish and served as vice president of the Cleveland Chapter of the Marine Corps Combat Correspondents Association.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Mr. Raymond Matjasic. I offer my condolences to his daughter Judith and three grandchildren. Mr. Matjasic will always be remembered for his brave service to our country and as an iconic photographer.

MEDIA COVERAGE OF DREAM ACT ONE-SIDED

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, during the lame duck session, Democrats in Congress want to pass the DREAM Act, which uses taxpayer dollars to give illegal immigrants amnesty and in-state tuition at public universities.

The national media are doing their best to help.

For example, out of 13 recent articles regarding the DREAM Act in The Washington Post, The New York Times, and The Los Angeles Times, 11 were overwhelmingly one-sided and sympathetic to illegal immigrants.

That means 85% were biased.

In one such article, the term "conservative" was used to describe opponents of the legislation, but not one of the left-wing amnesty groups or activists mentioned in the article was described as "liberal."

The national media should give Americans all the facts about immigration, not just one side.

CONDEMNING NORTH KOREA FOR ATTACK AGAINST SOUTH KOREA

SPEECH OF

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to this saber-rattling resolution that unnecessarily escalates tensions between North and South Korea and may in fact put U.S. troops stationed in the area at risk. This resolution portrays the recent hostilities between the two Koreas as "an unprovoked military attack" by North Korea, which is untrue. We know that South Korea was conducting live fire military exercises in the vicinity of disputed territory and that this action, taken with U.S. military support and participation, likely led to the exchange of gunfire between the two sides.

As the resolution states, the "USS George Washington Carrier Strike Group is conducting exercises with Republic of Korea naval forces in the waters west of the Korean Peninsula." Let us for a moment imagine the Chinese military holding joint exercises with Venezuela off the Texas coast. Might that be viewed as provocative by the United States? This is not to excuse or endorse the actions of the North Korean military, which are certainly regrettable, but it is important to accurately portray the events.

This resolution is long on inaccuracies and hyperbole but it avoids the real issue, which is why, more than fifty years after the end of the Korean war, the American taxpayer is still forced to pay for the U.S. military to defend a modern and wealthy South Korea. The continued presence of the U.S. military as a "tripwire" to deter North Korea is ineffective and dangerous. It is designed to deter renewed hostilities by placing American lives between the two factions. As we have seen recently, South Korean leaders, emboldened by the U.S. protection, seek to provoke North Korean reaction rather than to work for a way to finally end the conflict. The U.S. presence only serves to prolong the conflict, further drain our empty treasury, and place our military at risk. I encourage my colleagues to reject this jingoistic resolution and instead use our Constitutionally-granted authority to finally end the U.S. military presence in and defense of South Korea.

CLAIMS RESOLUTION ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Senate Amendments to H.R.