

fighting alongside U.S. service men and women. In addition, Australia has an excellent record on nuclear safety and has worked with the United States to fight nuclear proliferation. Australia's efforts to reduce proliferation have made them one of the world's leaders on global nuclear security and arms reduction.

Mr. Speaker, for these reasons I urge my colleagues to join me in showing their support for this important agreement with Australia. This cooperation agreement is good for our relationship with an old ally, good for our energy sector, and good for international nuclear security.

TRIBUTE TO FERNANDO A.
GUERRA, MD, MPH, FAAP

HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. GONZALEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a man who has spent his whole life pursuing the well-being of others, especially that of children, through his medical practice, education, and leadership. After many years of service to his community, Dr. Fernando A. Guerra, a long time practicing pediatrician and a dear friend of mine, is now retiring from his post as Director of Health at the San Antonio Metro Health District.

Having received his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Texas in Austin, his medical degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, and a master's of public health degree from the Harvard School of Public Health where he was a Kellogg Fellow, it comes as no surprise that Dr. Guerra has been recognized as a leading contributor to medical research and literature. We are forever grateful for Dr. Guerra's work in numerous areas, including immunizations, community health, and health disparities, as his work and leadership have made a difference for the people of our Nation's seventh largest city and its surrounding areas.

Over the years, Dr. Guerra has offered his expertise to many boards and committees, and he will continue to serve in this capacity in retirement. One of Dr. Guerra's greatest passions is educating and mentoring the next generation of public and private health professionals. As the Director of Health at the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District, he has mentored physicians in training from both the public and private sectors, including the Residents in Aerospace Medicine, RAMS, program. Through the RAMS, he has been able to give back to the military he served in as a member of the U.S. Army Medical Corps during the Vietnam War, for which he received both the Bronze Star and the U.S. Army Commendation Medal with "V" distinction.

In light of all that Dr. Guerra has accomplished in his long and prosperous career, I would like to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this extraordinary man of scholarship and public service for all that he has done for the people of Bexar County and our Nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 584, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$13,834,918,581,977.03.

On January 6th, 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 \$3,196,492,835,638.20 so far this Congress.

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

A TRIBUTE TO JOYCE MARIE
CANNADY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Joyce Marie Cannady.

Joyce Marie Cannady was born in Franklin, Virginia, to Sallie Irene and Jasper Williams. She has lived a life of service to others and continues to do so even as a retiree today.

Ms. Cannady began her work career as a Secretary for the Department of Social Services as a member of the executive staff team. During her tenure there, she excelled at meeting the day-to-day operation needs of the department. Always a good listener, she was tasked with the assignment of addressing complaints of the office.

In 1971, a co-worker informed her about a Medgar Evers College opening in Brooklyn. She accepted a position as the first Secretary in the Nursing Program, which began with sixteen students. Joyce helped set the tone and pace for the Nursing Program. She excelled in her position and received increasing levels of responsibilities over the years. In her role as Administrative Assistant to the Nursing Program Director, she was responsible for hiring and supervising support staff, scheduling student consultations and managing the on-going administrative operations.

Ms. Cannady retired after dedicating 30 years of service to an institution that continues to educate students by supporting its motto: "Creating success one student at a time." She has also worked with the AmeriCorps program, serving as a reading and writing tutor for first and second grade students at P.S. 57 in Queens.

In her spare time, she dedicates her experience and talent to others. Her community ac-

tivism began in the early 1980s, when she created the United Neighborhood Block Association in Queens and became its first President. The association was designed to increase the sense of community within the neighborhood. She also became a member of the Queens Village Civic Association, Queens Democratic Club, Eleanor Roosevelt Democratic Club, Women's Caucus for Congressman Towns and AmeriCorps Alumni. She has served as a leader for other service committees. She was the Executive Secretary, District Council 37 Women's Committee and President of the Youth Department of Black Trade Unionists. As a member of the Retirees Committee, she continues to live a life of service and currently serves as the Executive Secretary for the Church of God In Christ Jesus, N.D. Inc. She is also proud to have been ordained as a Minister by her Bishop, W.H. Amos in 2008.

Ms. Cannady's contributions to others have not gone unnoticed. Over the years she has been awarded the Medgar Evers College Secretary of the Year Award, U.S. Air Force Special Presidential Citation, Administrative Assistant of the Year Award, DC 37 People Merit Award and the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists Youth Department Award.

She has been married for fifty years to Ivory; they are the proud parents of three adult daughters, Vernay, Valerie, and Aesha. She also has two sons-in-law, Eugene Simmons and Scott Lynch, and a granddaughter, Ashley Simmons.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Joyce Marie Cannady.

STATEMENT TO COMMEMORATE
THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION AGENCY

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. BACA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate four decades of the creation of a federal agency with the noble mission to protect human health and the environment. The founding of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on December 2, 1970, represented the start of remarkable environmental achievements for our nation. Their mission and valuable accomplishments have been well captured in EPA's 40th anniversary theme: "Healthier Families, Cleaner Communities, A Stronger America."

In this anniversary celebration, we should honor EPA's dedicated employees who during 40 years have worked hard to keep our land, air, and water clean and protected. Thanks to their efforts, expertise, and enthusiasm, this and future generations will be able to enjoy better environmental conditions in the places they work, live, and pray.

I take pride in representing a unique and diverse ecosystem in California's 43rd District. I particularly thank EPA for developing regulations that will assist the studies of water resources and groundwater conditions needed in potentially contaminated sites in my District. Sound environmental protection policies not only promote American security through better

use of our natural resources, but they also ensure the vast beauty of our nation is safeguarded for future generations to enjoy.

Throughout its existence, EPA has developed different programs that effectively respond to public concerns about their water, air, and land. These programs ensure public safety and support to local communities struggling in a difficult economic environment. Efforts that ensure that polluters pay, such as the Superfund Program—that addresses the cleanup of toxic waste sites—provide important tools that help identify the parties responsible for contamination. The Superfund Program has successfully required identified responsible parties to pay for the cleanup of their contaminated sites which has saved taxpayers billions of dollars.

As a Member of Congress, I am committed to continue fighting for legislation that allows EPA to protect our treasured resources—including ensuring clean air, safe drinking water for everyone and promoting cleaner, more efficient uses of America's natural resources.

Let us commemorate this milestone anniversary of the EPA by recognizing its people, its programs, and the progress they have made since the day the agency was founded 40 years ago. This celebration of EPA's legacy and accomplishments should also serve as a reminder of the work we still have ahead of us to protect the health and the environment of everyone in our communities and our nation.

RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR CREDIBILITY ASSESSMENT (NCCA)

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the redesignation of the Defense Academy of Credibility Assessment, DACA, as the National Center for Credibility Assessment, NCCA.

Part of the Defense Intelligence Agency, DIA, and located at Fort Jackson in the Second Congressional District of South Carolina, NCCA serves as the government's premier educational center for polygraph and other credibility assessment technologies and techniques. Its central mission is to assist federal agencies in the protection of U.S. citizens, interests, infrastructure, and security by providing the best education and tools for credibility assessment.

For more than 50 years NCCA and its predecessor organizations have served as a core agency for the discipline of credibility assessment within the federal government, promoting standardization of credibility procedures, techniques, and applications across the federal government.

By designating NCCA as a national center, the Department of Defense and Defense Intelligence Agency are taking an important step in helping to harness the rapid technological advances in the field of credibility assessment. As a national center, NCCA will be able to better focus efforts addressing the urgent needs of national and international partners combating terrorism, narcotics trafficking, and other criminal activity.

As the national focal point for credibility assessment, NCCA will coordinate the develop-

ment and fielding of new credibility technologies to address a broad range of defense, homeland security, intelligence, and law enforcement requirements, ensuring that the federal government's technologies, techniques and procedures are reliable and scientifically supportable.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to have this important national asset in my district and I congratulate the leadership of DIA and the military and civilian employees at NCCA on this important recognition.

IN HONOR OF THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONNECTICUT STATE GRANGE

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Connecticut State Grange on their 125th anniversary.

The National Grange, also known as the Order of Patrons of Husbandry, is the nation's oldest national agricultural organization, with local chapter established in 2,700 local communities in 40 states. The Connecticut Grange has been one of the most active, continuously operating since 1885. In Connecticut the Grange has been an integral part of our state's efforts to preserve farmland, support rural communities and maintain the idyllic charm that is such an important part of New England's past.

The Grange has always welcomed farming families to involve themselves in the betterment of rural life and to contribute to its welfare by talent, thought, strength and willingness to labor heartily with fellow Patrons for the general good of the order and of mankind. The Grange's focus on community service, family activities and agricultural causes reflects well on the countless farmers who strive to preserve America's pastoral traditions. In eastern Connecticut, the Grange has a long and storied past supporting communities, maintaining our rural heritage and promoting the agricultural ideals that serve as the backbone of our country.

Not only is the Grange the oldest and one of the strongest farm organizations in America, it is the only farmers' fraternity in the world. The precepts of this farm-family fraternity are fourfold: (1) We should work toward a more prosperous agriculture; (2) Improve practical education; (3) Super-size community life and citizenship; and (4) Build higher ideals of manhood and womanhood among ourselves. With a strong faith in God, a nurturing hope, a focus on charity, and faithfulness to duty, the Granger continues to make rural life more desirable.

Members of the Grange have adopted the following creed: "United by the strong and faithful tie of agriculture, we mutually resolve to labor for the good of our order, our country and mankind." Madam Speaker, I believe those are words we can all live by, and so I ask my colleagues to join with me, and the people of Connecticut, in recognizing the Connecticut State Grange on their 125th anniversary.

HONORING ROBERT F. KENNEDY, JR.

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. for his remarkable work on environmental issues.

Cousin Bobby serves as Senior Attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council, Chief Prosecuting Attorney for the Hudson Riverkeeper organization, and President of Waterkeeper Alliance which he founded in 1999. He is also a Clinical Professor and Supervising Attorney at Pace University School of Law's Environmental Litigation Clinic, and is co-host of the Ring of Fire radio program. Earlier in his career he served as Assistant District Attorney in New York City.

Bobby is credited with leading the fight to protect New York City's water supply. The New York City watershed agreement, which he negotiated on behalf of environmentalists and New York City watershed consumers, is regarded as an international model in stakeholder consensus negotiations and sustainable development. He has also worked on environmental issues across the Americas and has assisted several indigenous tribes in Latin America and Canada in successfully negotiating treaties protecting traditional homelands.

Bobby is a noted author and was named one of Time magazine's "Heroes for the Planet" for his success in helping Riverkeeper lead the fight to restore the Hudson River. The group's achievement helped spawn over 190 Waterkeeper organizations across the globe. He is a graduate of Harvard University, studied at the London School of Economics, and received his law degree from the University of Virginia Law School. Following graduation he attended Pace University School of Law, where he was awarded a Master's Degree in Environmental Law.

Bobby has been instrumental in advancing numerous environmental causes. I wish him all the best as he continues his important work on behalf of our natural resources. He will continue to carry my own admiration, and that of all who have had the privilege to work with him.

HONORING REVEREND GERALD KISNER ON HIS 15TH ANNIVERSARY AS PASTOR OF THE TABERNACLE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Rev. Gerald Kisner on his 15th anniversary as pastor of the Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church in West Palm Beach, Florida. He has had a very long and honored career. After receiving his Master's degree from Case Western Reserve University, he graduated from Harvard University School of Law, where he was awarded a Dwight D. Eisenhower Scholarship, and received his Master of Divinity degree from Howard University.