

(c) APPLICABLE LAW.—The study required under subsection (a) shall be conducted in accordance with section 8 of Public Law 91-383 (16 U.S.C. 1a-5).

(d) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date on which funds are first made available for the study under subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate a report that describes—

- (1) the findings of the study; and
- (2) any conclusions and recommendations of the Secretary.

(e) APPROPRIATION AUTHORITY.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.

HONORING EMILE MILNE

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a talented and important member of my staff, Emile Milne, who has retired after more than two decades of service on the Hill as my Press Secretary and Legislative Director.

Born in the Republic of Panama, Emile grew up in New York City and studied at Georgetown University here in Washington. Prior to that, he worked for 20 years as a newspaper and magazine reporter and editor in San Francisco, New York and Atlanta. His insight into domestic and foreign policy comes not only from his professional experience but his personal travels throughout the Caribbean and Latin America. His expertise comes from not just covering important episodes of our history like the civil rights movement, but also knowing the people who participated in those movements, some famous, some nameless, but all important to laying the foundation of social change and justice.

In a place full of policy wonks and personal agendas, Emile has been a trusted friend and colleague who dispensed wisdom on how public officials can make a difference in the lives of everyday Americans. Whether it is speaking to advocates lobbying for legislation or members of the media covering a story, he has the uncanny ability to get to the heart of issues and clearly communicate not just my position, but the position that should be taken.

His professionalism, his sense of humor and skillfulness with both people and the pen have served as an example to both veteran staff members and young interns. His daily presence will be missed, but after years of long legislative nights and weekends, he surely does deserve more time off the Hill to spend with his lovely wife Claudette, and his family, and to explore other ways to utilize his God-given talents. Besides, I still have his cell phone number and know that all I have to do is pick up the phone to get a bit of the wisdom and good counsel that he has passed along all these years.

IN HONOR OF PARK COMMISSIONER FRED RZEPKA

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the contributions of Park Commissioner Fred Rzepka, a twenty-two-year servant to Cleveland Metroparks, on the occasion of his retirement. A local developer, Mr. Rzepka is credited with ferreting out the corruption and nepotism that plagued the park system in the years before his appointment.

When he joined the all volunteer board over two decades ago, Mr. Rzepka had his work cut out for him. Overspending, questionable hiring practices, and dubious budgeting had taken their toll on both the reputation and the quality of the parks. But Mr. Rzepka was no stranger to adversity. According to the Plain Dealer, the Commissioner was just a young child when his parents moved him and his three brothers from their comfortable home in Rozan, Poland to northern Russia to escape Nazi death camps. For over six years, the family moved from shelter to shelter, at one point taking refuge in a stable in Siberia. After successfully evading both the Nazi and Soviet regimes, Fred and his family finally escaped war-torn Europe and made their way to the United States. All four brothers have enjoyed successful careers and contributed to the prosperity and character of the Cleveland community.

Since Mr. Rzepka took office, the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration has three times named Cleveland Metroparks the best-run park system in the country. Over 21,000 acres in size, the park features children's activities, hiking trails, environmental science classes, and multiple conservation programs. The staff is dedicated to preserving biodiversity by protecting the park's natural ecosystems and educating visitors about the importance of a healthy environment.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in applauding Fred Rzepka for his outstanding service to the Cleveland community. The talents and the dedication of citizens like him are essential to preserving the character of our government, from the local level, up. Native violets, yellow iris, and white trilliums will bloom each year as a testimony to his integrity and good work.

HONORING COMMUNITY ACTIVIST, NURSE, MOTHER, GRANDMOTHER AND GREAT GRANDMOTHER MRS. KATHERINE TELLEZ ANDRADE

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Ms. CHU. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great loss to our community, Mrs. Katherine Tellez Andrade, who passed away on November 25, 2010, at the age of 85. My heart goes out to her daughters, the Hon. Adele Andrade-Stadler and Vibiana Andrade;

her sons Adrian Andrade and Robert Andrade; her grandchildren Sean Andrade, Esq., Pilar Andrade, Emilio Andrade, Julian Andrade, Joaquin Andrade, Ramona Andrade Stadler and Katherine Andrade Ortiz; and the rest of her dear friends and family members.

Katherine was an extraordinary citizen, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and a role model for community activism. Her selfless and just nature was cultivated in childhood, being one of 13 children raised by Ramona Ochoa and Florencio Tellez in the hard-scrabble mining town of Clifton, Arizona. Growing up during the Great Depression in a small town divided by race and privilege fueled her lifelong commitment to fighting injustice.

After high school, Katherine moved to Los Angeles to help in the war effort, assembling auxiliary gas tanks at a plant during World War II. While living in Boyle Heights she would always pass by General Hospital, vowing to one day work there as a nurse. After the war she returned to Arizona to pursue her dream, entering a federal nursing program at St. Mary's Hospital and eventually returning to L.A., where she worked as a nurse for many years at General Hospital and many other hospitals.

After her marriage to Arthur Andrade, she raised her four children as a single parent, instilling in them her own work ethic and sense of social justice. She led by example, fighting against an English-only movement and other anti-immigrant measures in her longtime hometown of Monterey Park. She was a founding member of the Committee for Harmony in Monterey Park, which was formed to counter the anti-immigrant forces in the community, and she went on to a long involvement in grassroots activism, volunteering as a poll inspector and fighting for many Democratic causes.

She cared deeply for her community, working to involve the Spanish-speaking Latino community in her local church and even offering her home to a homeless woman whom she found sleeping at the local post office.

I urge all my House colleagues to join me in honoring this remarkable woman for her remarkable service to our community.

EXTENDING CONDOLENCES TO VICTIMS OF FIRE IN ISRAEL

SPEECH OF

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in supporting H. Res. 1751, a resolution mourning the loss of life and extending condolences to the families affected by the fire in northern Israel. Thank you to my colleague, Representative RON KLEIN, for offering this resolution.

I would like to offer my sincere condolences to the families and loved ones who have lost their lives in the fires in northern Israel. We stand by Israel during this difficult time and pledge our assistance in the wake of this tragedy.

On December 2, 2010, a massive wildfire broke out in the northern region of Israel, near the city of Haifa. The four day fire ravaged the

Carmel mountain forests, forcing the evacuation of over 17,000 residents. One of the worst forest fires in Israel's history, this inferno claimed as many as 40 lives.

The fire damaged about 5 million trees and 12,000 acres. In a country where only 7 percent of the land is forested, the loss of precious woodland was felt as a national loss. In total, the fire caused about \$74 million in damages, including 250 homes.

In response to this tragedy, the United States and the international community stepped in to help Israel battle the flames. The U.S. answered Israel's request for assistance by providing much needed supplies, technical expertise, and equipment.

I applaud the individuals, businesses and philanthropic organizations across the United States and throughout the international community who have responded to the devastation in Israel with an outpouring of generosity and support.

With help from the United States and our friends worldwide, Israel will overcome this challenge. We pledge our continued support as Israel works to restore damaged communities, replenish wildlife, and plant new forests.

IN HONOR OF PRESIDENT
BRONISLAW KOMOROWSKI'S
VISIT TO CLEVELAND, OHIO

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the visit of Polish President Bronislaw Komorowski to Cleveland, Ohio. Since his recent election following the tragic death of former President Lech Kaczynski, President Komorowski has already become a powerful voice for peacemaking, reform, and cooperation in the world theatre.

In just a few short months, President Komorowski has taken steps to facilitate integration of Poland into the European Union, has proposed a plan for eliminating government corruption, and has met with Russian President Dmitry Medvedev to rebuild the political and economic relationship between the two countries. He has also continued former President Kaczynski's tradition of celebrating Hanukkah with Warsaw's Jewish community.

I am honored by the President's visit, and I know that my constituents deeply appreciate his efforts. Cleveland is home to a thriving Polish community, which has held together in the face of adversity and today enriches our culture with festivals, films, concerts, and exhibitions. His visit to our city acknowledges this community's success and marks yet another laudable effort toward strengthening international relationships and spreading good will.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of President Bronislaw and Cleveland's Polonia. May this visit enhance the ties between Poland and the United States, and bring Cleveland's Polish community the recognition it deserves.

HONORING MARTIN LUTHER KING,
JR. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN
COLLEGE PARK, GEORGIA

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, distinguished colleagues, I rise today to extend my heartiest congratulations to Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School in College Park in the 13th district of Georgia. This exceptional school has been granted a 2010 National Title I Distinguished School Award by the State of Georgia. I am proud to represent the hard-working students, dedicated teachers and strong administrators that made this achievement possible.

Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School was founded in 2003 to provide quality instruction and challenging learning experiences for students. Among its core beliefs are a commitment to put children first and an understanding that children must accept responsibility for their learning in order to improve their future. The teaching curriculum is centered on its children; the teachers meticulously track student progress and collaborate to structure each student's lesson.

As we consider the challenges that our education system faces, we should consider Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary an example of excellent student achievement. In addition to providing a welcoming environment for students and ensuring school safety, students are exposed to immersive, technology-rich lessons that will prepare them for the future. Detailed reports indicate not only the students that need individualized attention, but also the students who are excelling. Perhaps the best practices from this school, including the attention to detail and dedication to learning, can be used to aid students around the country to exceed expectations.

Madam Speaker, I would like to personally congratulate the principal of this great institution, Dr. Machele Matthews, who has led her school to new heights and helped her students to dream their own futures. Please join me in honoring the venerable Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School on their achievement.

TRIBUTE TO KATHLEEN
ATTERHOLT ON THE OCCASION
OF HER RETIREMENT

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a friend and community advocate. After 16 years of faithful service, Kathleen Atterholt of my staff in Anderson, Indiana, will be retiring from public service at the end of 2010.

Kathleen was born to James and Margaret Steele on September 23, 1935, in Anderson, Indiana. She went on to graduate from Anderson High School in 1953, and she later earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Purdue University and a Bachelor of Science degree from Viterbo College. While at Purdue, Kathleen was also an active member of Alpha Chi Omega Sorority.

Given her family's history of public service, it is no surprise that Kathleen has also dedicated her life to helping those in her community. Her late father, James Steele, served on the Anderson Board of Public Safety and the Board of Public Works. Her brother, Jim Steele, served as Controller for the City of Anderson and later for the City of Indianapolis. Lastly, her son, Jim Atterholt, served two terms in the Indiana General Assembly and is currently the chairman of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission.

After staying home to raise her two sons, Kathleen began her career in public service working as a Constituent Services Representative for Congressman David McIntosh in 1994. During those years, she also worked occasionally for the Madison County, Indiana Election Board. When I took office in 2001, Kathleen stayed on with my staff and continued to lend her expertise to the constituents in my district. For more than a decade, she has helped people navigate their way through the Federal Government and receive assistance from Federal agencies. Her kindness and compassion have undoubtedly helped to renew the people's trust in their government.

Over the years her particular areas of expertise have been advocating on behalf of constituents with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service, United States Embassies and Consulates, the United States Passport Agency, the Internal Revenue Service, and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Kathleen has said that some of her fondest memories have been when parents have brought their internationally adopted children by the office simply to thank Kathleen for her advocacy on their behalf. She has also been able to meet married couples, friends, and relatives whom she helped obtain proper immigration documentation in order to be reunited with their loved ones. Her kind heart has made Kathleen an invaluable liaison to my constituency, and she has shown an ability to relate to others with the compassion and empathy required of public service.

I offer my deepest gratitude to Kathleen for her years of tireless devotion and service not only as a member of my staff, but as a servant leader to constituents in my district. She has embodied the commandment found in the Good Book to "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others." Though she will be sorely missed by myself, my family, and the rest of my staff, I wish Kathleen blessings and joy in the years ahead as she begins her retirement.

HONORING CONGRESSMAN ARTUR
DAVIS FOR HIS SERVICE TO
WEST ALABAMA

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor and recognize the exemplary service of my colleague, and friend, Congressman ARTUR DAVIS, who has represented Alabama's Seventh Congressional District since 2002.

A native of Montgomery, Congressman DAVIS graduated with honors from both Harvard University and Harvard Law School and