

A promise I've made, as I wipe these tears
from my eyes!
That I will live for you, each and every new
day, every sunrise!
To the fullest! All in your fine name!
And if ever I have a new son, your name will
be his . . . this one!
Brother . . . Brother . . . I am so very proud
of you!
All in what you have done . . . oh yes it's
true!
Only the good die young, as now you shine
all up in Heaven's sun!
As an Angel In The Army of our Lord, with
your new battle begun!
To watch over us, as Thy Will Be Done!
Brother . . . Brother . . .
All across Texas this night . . .
As we lay our heads down to rest, as comes
a gentle rain . . .
As upon us, are but our Lord's tears to wash
over us . . .
And so bless us, to so ease our pain!
As he cries for your most sacred sacrifice,
this rain . . .
Brother . . . Brother . . . I can not wait until
up in Heaven we meet again. . . .
And we won't have to cry anymore, all in
this pain . . .
Brother, Brother, once you so wanted to be
just like me . . .
Now, I'm the one who so wants . . . to be like
you!
Brother . . . Brother . . . Amen. . . .

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 16, 2010

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, December 9, 2010, Tuesday, December 14, 2010, and Wednesday, December 15, 2010, I was not present for twelve recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted the following way: Roll No. 626—"yea"; Roll No. 627—"yea"; Roll No. 628—"yea"; Roll No. 629—"nay"; Roll No. 630—"yea"; Roll No. 631—"yea"; Roll No. 632—"yea"; Roll No. 633—"yea"; Roll No. 634—"yea"; Roll No. 635—"nay"; Roll No. 636—"yea"; Roll No. 637—"yea."

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COLLEYVILLE GARDEN CLUB

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 16, 2010

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Colleyville Garden Club. Over the last 50 years, the Colleyville Garden Club has been committed to the improvement of Colleyville's parks and gardens.

On January 11, 1961, Florence Eudaly, wife of Colleyville's first mayor, along with several other women, organized the Colleyville Garden Club. The club began by meeting in member's homes with established yearly dues of \$1.00. Since then, the Colleyville Garden Club has grown in membership and continues to support projects in the community with the underlying goals of promoting interest in all phases of gardening, horticultural education,

civic beautification, and conservation of natural resources.

The Colleyville Garden Club has spent countless hours involved in projects in the Colleyville community such as Keep Colleyville Beautiful, Arbor Day, Promenade Garden Tour, and many others. The Colleyville Garden Club has designed and installed gardens throughout the local community including the Colleyville Center, Leone Hodges Butterfly Garden at Kidsville, Colleyville City Hall, Colleyville Parks and Recreation Office, Sparger Park, and Webb House. From 2008 to 2010, the Club generously donated two bronze sculptures and three Lyman Whitaker wind sculptures to McPherson Park.

On behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, it is my distinct pleasure to recognize the Colleyville Garden Club for its 50 years of service in the Colleyville community.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FRESNO

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 16, 2010

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues, Mr. RADANOVICH and Mr. CARDOZA to extend our sincerest congratulations to California State University, Fresno as they celebrate their centennial anniversary.

As Fresno State celebrates its 100th anniversary, the university is "Powering the New California" in our rapidly changing region as we move forward in the 21st Century. California State University, Fresno, also known as Fresno State, has evolved from its founding as a teachers college to become a renowned center for higher learning in the Central Valley with eight schools and colleges serving over twenty thousand students.

Fresno State was originally founded as Fresno State Normal School on September 11, 1911 under the guidance of its first president Mr. Charles L. McLane. In 1921, Fresno State Normal School changed its name to Fresno State Teachers College and began to share a campus with another fine local institution, Fresno City College, to provide a quality education to local students for whom the distance of universities such as the University of California and Stanford University was too great a hardship. Fresno State Normal School would change its name again to Fresno State College in 1934, and in 1949 the first advanced degrees in English and Education were granted. Forty-five years after Fresno State first opened its doors, it relocated to its present location on Shaw and Cedar Avenues in 1956, where it currently sits on over three hundred acres of land. In 1961, Fresno State College became the charter institution of the California State University System and would officially become known as California State University, Fresno in 1972.

Today, Fresno State enrolls more than 21,500 undergraduate students and 4,400 graduate students and offers Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctoral degrees. In 2011, Fresno State will graduate its 100th class with an anticipated 5,500 students graduating from the institution. Notable among the academic pro-

grams at Fresno State, the Sid Craig School of Business has been nationally recognized by the Princeton Review as a "Top Business School," the Jordan College of Agricultural Science and Technology oversees the only commercial winery in the country run by a university, and the Lyles College of Engineering has the only Geomatics undergraduate program in the Nation. Fresno State is also home to the Henry Madden Library, which with over one million books is the largest academic library between Sacramento and Los Angeles, and serves as a learning resource for the entire region. It is programs and institutions such as these that truly embody the excellence of Fresno State.

Fresno State has not only established itself as a leader in academics, but also in athletics; the school has gained national recognition through their various sports programs such as football, baseball and soccer. For instance, in 1998, Fresno State's women's softball team won the NCAA Women's College World Series by defeating the defending two-time former champions, the University of Arizona. Additionally, a decade later, the Fresno State men's baseball team climbed their way through the College World Series as the lowest ranked seed in post-season play to capture the 2008 NCAA title in a shocking defeat of the University of Georgia. Fresno State's distinguished alumni include Mayor of Fresno, California Ashley Swearingin, three-time Olympic Gold Medalist Laura Berg, former NASA Astronaut and Mission Commander of the Space Shuttle *Columbia* Colonel Rick Husband, U.S. Ambassador to Colombia and Honduras Phillip V. Sanchez, former U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Paul H. O'Neill, former Nevada Governor Kenny Guinn, and 2001 Super Bowl winning quarterback Trent Dilfer.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. CARDOZA and myself, in recognizing California State University, Fresno as they celebrate their centennial anniversary and continue their outstanding educational leadership for students throughout the Central Valley and the State of California.

INTERNATIONAL PROTECTING GIRLS BY PREVENTING CHILD MARRIAGE ACT OF 2010

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 16, 2010

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support the International Protecting Girls by Preventing Child Marriage Act of 2010.

This bill is a measure that represents the best of American foreign policy. It addresses an abuse that I think all of us agree should not happen in the 21st century.

Girls should have the chance to enjoy their childhood in the peace and security of their own families—not be married off to the highest bidder, or anyone else for that matter.

And, research shows that this is not just about girls—while the vast majority of those trapped in child marriage are girls, boys too are among the victims.

This is a moral issue. By passing this bill, we have a chance to state clearly and on the record that child marriage is a human rights abuse.

But, this is not only a moral issue—it is also about improving health, reducing maternal mortality, slowing the spread of HIV/AIDS and reducing poverty.

Study after study has shown that when we do these things, we not only help create a safer world for women and children, but we also help improve the security of the United States.

It is true that there may be some very minor costs associated with this bill. However, they pale in comparison to our obligation to do what is right.

I want to thank my colleague from Minnesota BETTY MCCOLLUM and Senator DICK DURBIN from Illinois for leading this effort. Both of them have been indefatigable champions of the rights of women and children and we wouldn't be considering this bill today without them.

I urge all of my colleagues to support the International Protecting Girls by Preventing Child Marriage Act.

HONORING GAIL NEAL

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 16, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Gail Neal upon her retirement as the Mariposa County Chief Probation Officer.

Ms. Neal began her career with Mariposa County as clerk II for the District Attorney's office in April 1978. In September 1981, she transferred to the Sheriff's Office, where she was a dispatcher and then a jail officer. In November 1987, Ms. Neal transferred back to the District Attorney's office, where she served as a Clerk III for a short time before being promoted to legal secretary. Ms. Neal began in Probation as a probation aide in May 1989. From there, she received a number of promotions: to Acting Deputy Probation Officer in September of 1990, Deputy Probation Officer in January of 1991, Deputy Probation Officer II in January of 1993, Deputy Probation Officer III in May of 1995, Deputy Chief Probation Officer in January of 2001, Interim Chief Probation Officer in March of 2001 and Chief Probation Officer two weeks later in March of 2001.

Ms. Neal has displayed outstanding leadership, organization and commitment in her time with Mariposa County Probation. Her duties included planning, organizing, directing, supervising and administering activities and operations of the County Probation Department and Juvenile Hall. She also developed and oversaw the Revenue & Recovery Division.

Besides her commitments to Mariposa County Probation, Ms. Neal served as a member of a number of groups, including of the Chief Probation Officers of California, California Probation, Parole and Corrections Association, American Probation and Parole Association, Mariposa County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council, Mariposa County Alcohol & Drug Advisory Board, and was Chair on Mariposa County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council. In her free time, Ms. Neal also ran a side business as a candle maker.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Gail Neal for her dedicated service to the people of Mariposa County. I invite my colleagues to join

me in wishing Ms. Neal many years of continued success.

RESTORE ONLINE SHOPPERS' CONFIDENCE ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 15, 2010

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of S. 3386, the Restore Online Shoppers' Confidence Act, bipartisan legislation critical to protecting online consumers in Ohio and across the country.

Online shopping is becoming a common and critical part of our Nation's economy. The convenience of shopping and making purchases from home is an exciting revolution in commerce, and one that has broadened the opportunities and access available to American consumers.

As we saw on Cyber Monday, Americans are not hesitating to take advantage.

In particular, for people like my constituents who live in rural areas, online shopping offers an opportunity to avoid lengthy trips, saving both time and the cost of gas.

However, as the number of consumers taking advantage of these new opportunities continues to grow, I fear that the number of pitfalls for consumers is beginning to grow.

In particular, I am concerned about a growing new trend that is putting consumers on the defensive. Companies are using misleading Web sites and offers to sign up unsuspecting consumers for expensive subscription services. These companies are engaging in a new practice called post-transaction marketing, in which they purport to make special offers to consumers who have just completed a transaction.

Before they know it, consumers have unknowingly signed up for services, and their credit card information is on the way to the new company. Oftentimes, these same consumers don't even realize they have signed up for the service until they get their credit card statements.

This practice is egregious, and it is flat wrong.

We must act to bring it to a stop.

While I, like many of my moderate colleagues, fear the consequences of extending the reach of government too far into the economy, I also believe that there is a time when we, as legislators, have a mandate to act. This is one of those occasions.

Earlier this year, I introduced H.R. 5707, the Restore Online Shoppers' Confidence Act. This legislation would take initial steps toward ending what is clearly a deceptive and troubling practice.

Specifically, the legislation would require that companies engaging in post-transaction marketing clearly disclose the terms of any agreement proposed to consumers, ensuring that they have full knowledge of the services for which they are subscribing.

In addition, it would also require that these same companies provide easy ways to opt out of any agreement or subscription service, empowering consumers to control their enrollment.

Recently, the Senate passed companion legislation, S. 3386 by unanimous consent.

This bipartisan show of support indicates just how serious the problem is facing American consumers, as well as the common-sense nature of the legislation before us.

Now, the time has come for the House to act in kind.

We have before us a choice today—act on behalf of our constituents who every day use the internet for information and commerce.

Or, we can fail to act, and allow more American consumers to fall victim to a frightening practice that separates from them their hard-earned income.

I would be remiss if I didn't also raise a point that I have raised a number of times during my time in the House. The internet is an exciting and powerful tool. In particular, high-speed internet has brought a wealth of exciting new opportunities to American consumers.

However, not all consumers have access to this basic tool. Too many of my constituents do not have access to reliable and affordable broadband service, taking away their ability to participate in online shopping, distance learning, and all the basic services that many of us take for granted.

I hope that this body will continue to take seriously the plight of those individuals on the other side of the digital divide, and will rise to the occasion to address a major challenge facing rural America.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICES OF CAMP PATRIOT

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 16, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Camp Patriot and their tremendous service to veterans in the Greater Seattle Area and throughout the country.

Camp Patriot was founded in 2006 to help provide the 2.3 million disabled U.S. veterans with the opportunity to take outdoor trips. The nonprofit group organizes fishing, hunting, skiing, hiking, and motorcycling trips for our brave veterans. Camp Patriot enables disabled veterans the chance to develop relationships with other fellow veterans through outdoor adventures and team building exercises. The program works with outdoor organizations and financial sponsors that provide equipment, supplies, and clothing, and allow veterans to attend the camp free of cost.

Camp Patriot is a relatively new organization yet has done much in their outreach to veterans and their families. One major goal they are currently working toward is the construction of a lodge on Lake Koocanusa in Montana, which would accommodate 20 disabled veterans a week at no charge to the veterans.

Among Camp Patriot's major activities is the annual hike to the summit of Mount Rainier. The inaugural climb took place in July 2007. Most recently, the Camp Patriot team reached the 14,411-foot summit on July 14, 2010. Each year, before the climb, participants travel to Seattle to dine at Qwest Field and tour the stadium with the Seattle Seahawks. Participants also attend a week-long training sponsored by Iron90 Workplace Wellness. Iron90 prepares the veterans for the grueling hike up