

The Native Hawaiian people have sought passage of this bill for ten years. The Hawaii State Legislature, which serves as the representative voice of Hawaii's people, has demonstrated continued commitment to Native Hawaiian self-governance and self-determination by unanimously affirming three separate resolutions supporting federal recognition of Native Hawaiians.

Thank you for creating an atmosphere of dialogue with the various stakeholders. I appreciate your diligence and openness in working with the state administration and community constituencies to address the best approaches offered. I trust your judgment in this matter, and am confident that through your careful and thoughtful deliberations, we will have a measure that is worthy of the goals to which we have all aspired over the last ten years.

I believe that the people of Hawaii recognize it is time to deliver a fair process for Native Hawaiians to resolve longstanding concerns in their community as other Native peoples have done. Federal recognition is an essential component in advancing the social and economic condition of Native peoples. To deny Native Hawaiians the rights of self-determination and self-governance as accorded to other Native peoples goes against the very principles of justice and fairness on which our country was founded.

The Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act provides an empowering and stable structure on which Native Hawaiians can build a prosperous future for themselves and for our state. Both our identity and the economic well-being of our state are very much intertwined with the well-being of the indigenous peoples of our island home. Effectuating a balanced process that will bring clarity to this issue is the right thing to do for our state, Native Hawaiians and all of the citizens of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

CALVIN K.Y. SAY,
Speaker of the House.

FEEDING NEW ORLEANS' SOUL

HON. ANH "JOSEPH" CAO

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 26, 2010

Mr. CAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Black History Month to recognize Ms. Leah Chase. Known as the "Queen of Creole Cuisine", Ms. Chase is a chef, a television host, a cultural ambassador, and the owner of the famous Louisiana landmark Dooky Chase restaurant. Dooky Chase is located in the historic Tremé neighborhood of New Orleans and was immortalized in the television show "Frank's Place".

But it was established as a spiritual, cultural, and historic landmark long before television producers came knocking. During the 1960's, Dooky Chase was a meeting place for civil rights activists and NAACP members coming from all around the region. And, during segregation, notable African American artists such as Ella Fitzgerald and Lena Horne dined there.

When Hurricane Katrina flooded the restaurant, forcing it to close its doors for the first time since 1941, Mrs. Chase could have left, leaving behind all of the history and prominence of this historic spot.

But, she returned, rebuilt, and re-opened to serve, nourish, and inspire the bodies and souls of future generations by its critical con-

tribution to African-American history and the history of this great Nation.

Today, I am proud to recognize Leah Chase for continuing to feed the soul of New Orleans and her guests and for her unwavering commitment to the recovery of Orleans and Jefferson Parishes.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. DAVID L. BRONSON

HON. STEVEN C. LATOURETTE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 26, 2010

Mr. LATOURETTE. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize one of my constituents, Dr. David L. Bronson, chairman of the Medicine Institute of the Cleveland Clinic.

Dr. Bronson recently was elected as the 2010 Chairman of the Board of Directors of the American Medical Group Association, AMGA, located in Alexandria, VA. The group represents more than 360 medical groups, and more than 102,000 doctors nationwide are AMGA members. Dr. Bronson is an ideal fit for this position. As chair of the clinic's Medicine Institute, where he is also professor of Medicine and Chief of Clinical Integration, Dr. Bronson is responsible for leading the health system's efforts to improve the value of health care.

Dr. Bronson has been with Cleveland Clinic since 1992 and was chairman of the Department of Internal Medicine for four years. From 1995 until 2008 he developed and led an expansion of the clinic throughout the NE Ohio area and beyond, adding 350 new physicians at 17 sites including operations in Canada. Dr. Bronson has also served as a member of the Cleveland Clinic Board of Governors and Board of Trustees, and is currently chair of the Board of Directors of the Cleveland Clinic Community Physician Partnership.

Dr. Bronson received his undergraduate degree from the University of Maine, and his M.D. degree from the University of Vermont, and he completed a residency in internal medicine there and at the University of Wisconsin. Prior to joining Cleveland Clinic, he was vice chair of medicine at the University of Vermont.

He has been a principal or co-principal in several federal and foundation-funded research efforts, and has published and presented papers in a variety of fields. Dr. Bronson now serves on the Leadership Team and chairs the Clinical Advisory Committee of Better Health Greater Cleveland, a collaborative funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to improve the health of people with chronic disease.

Dr. Bronson is well prepared to lead his colleagues and guide AMGA and its members toward improving the delivery of health care in the years ahead.

Again, I want to congratulate Dr. Bronson and recognize his accomplishments.

DANIEL AUSTIN GOERING

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 26, 2010

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Daniel Austin Goering.

Daniel is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Heart of America Council Troop 351, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Daniel has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the five years Daniel has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Daniel became a Brotherhood member in the Order of the Arrow and earned the rank of Brave in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Daniel has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Daniel worked with the Platte County, Missouri, Parks and Recreation Department to install a Prairie Restoration sign and construct landscaping at the Prairie Creek Greenway.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Daniel Austin Goering for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

NATIONAL EATING DISORDER AWARENESS WEEK

HON. JUDY BIGGERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 26, 2010

Mrs. BIGGERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition and support of National Eating Disorder Awareness Week.

Approximately five to ten million Americans, both women and men, suffer from anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa, and binge eating disorders. Not only do these mental illnesses have serious physical consequences, they also present substantive obstacles to students' educational achievement: 86% of affected individuals develop their eating disorders before age 20.

On behalf of my constituents who have been personally affected by these illnesses as well as struggling young women and men nationwide, I introduced H. Res. 7 on January 9, 2009. H. Res. 7 will raise public awareness of eating afflictions, expand research for treatment and cures to end the suffering of millions of Americans, broaden access to treatment, and promote healthful eating habits and healthy body image.

It is critical that we use this week as an opportunity to address this national tragedy. It's not just teenagers using whatever means necessary to achieve an ideal body image, it is a mental illness that requires treatment and compassion. I encourage my colleges to join me in recognizing the severity of eating disorders affecting millions of adolescent Americans, and beseech Congress to continue to expand funding for research and treatment as well as awareness of these diseases that plague the lives of our young people.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM PRICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 26, 2010

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 49, 50, 52, 53, 54, 55, 67, and 68 I was unable to be present to vote.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on these.

ANOTHER SEASON OF FEDERAL SPENDING

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 26, 2010

Mr. LEWIS of California. Madam Speaker, we are about to enter another season of federal spending decisions, beginning with a new stimulus package that will add another \$150 billion to our outrageous federal debt.

What are we getting for this spending? In my home counties of San Bernardino and Riverside, California, we have lost 30,000 jobs in the past year. Our unemployment rate is 14 percent. Houses have lost half of their value in 3 years, and foreclosures have gone from 3,000 3 years ago to nearly 48,000 last year. The stimulus and runaway spending have not brought jobs to my constituents, but they have increased one thing: Each man, woman and child could soon owe \$48,000 for their share of the federal debt. The CBO tells us that just 10 percent of last year's stimulus is being spent on job-creation. Let's not make that mistake again this year.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 26, 2010

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 49 and rollcall No. 50, I was absent due to severe weather in Southeast Michigan which delayed my flight to Washington, DC.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" and "yea."

CONNOR PAUL KOSTELAC

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 26, 2010

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Connor Paul Kostelac. Connor is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Heart of America Council Troop 351, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Connor has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the five years Connor has been involved with

Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Connor became a Brotherhood member in the Order of the Arrow and earned the rank of Brave in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Connor has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Connor worked to beautify two interior gardens at Mount St. Scholastica Monastery in Atchison, KS, through the placement of a St. Francis statue and additional landscaping.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Connor Paul Kostelac for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA STATE CAPITOL BUILDING

HON. STEPHANIE HERSETH SANDLIN

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 26, 2010

Ms. HERSETH SANDLIN. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor the 100th Anniversary of the South Dakota State Capitol building.

The South Dakota State Capitol building is located in Pierre, South Dakota. The South Dakota State Capitol building was designed by Minneapolis architects C.E. Bell and M.S. Detwiler and assembled between the years of 1905 and 1910. The building is more than 114,000 square feet in size and is made up of materials such as native field stone, Indiana limestone, and Vermont and Italian marble. The building is 161 feet tall, 190 feet wide, and 292 feet long and includes carved woodwork and marble, special cast brass, and hand laid stone. In 1977 the State of South Dakota decided to restore the building back to its original 1910 appearance. The restoration was completed in 1989 to the original color and style of the walls and drapes.

Some of the many important architectural features of the South Dakota Capitol building include the capitol floor, which is made of terrazzo tile, and was created by 66 Italian artists. Terrazzo tile is a type of marble flooring that consists of chips of marble meshed together through a process of layering which creates multicolored designs and patterns. The rotunda, an important feature of the capitol, encompasses a large 96-foot dome which can be seen outside the capitol. The inside bottom ring of the dome looks like ribbons strung together and joined as one to resemble government as eternal in nature. The dome also displays the pasque flower, which is the South Dakota state flower. The third floor holds both the House of Representatives and Senate floors where all the state's laws are debated and voted.

Over its 100 years of history, the capitol has stood as a testament to the beauty and strength that represents South Dakota, and I trust that this historic building will continue to remain a landmark for the next 100 years.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 26, 2010

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, on February 25, 2010, I missed rollcall vote 66 due to a doctor's appointment. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

HONORING RANDY POOLE

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 26, 2010

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Randy Poole who retired this month after serving more than 34 years in municipal water utilities, including 18 momentous years in leadership positions at the Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA). Randy served first as SCWA's Chief Engineer beginning in 1991 and then in 1994 assumed the dual role of General Manager/Chief Engineer. The Sonoma County Water Agency provides water independent of the California Water System to over 600,000 residents in Mendocino, Sonoma and Marin Counties.

Many Members of this House would recognize Randy who spent many hours visiting our offices promoting the SCWA's water projects, as well as legislation for salmon preservation, wetlands restoration and renewable energy. Randy, with his slicked back hair and often dressed in black and purple was not the stereotypical water technocrat with scientific calculator in his pocket and flow charts in his briefcase. He is an individual who could manage the day to day functions of the SCWA while sculpting a big vision of its future.

Randy played an important role in garnering support for an \$800 million Pacific Salmon restoration program involving the efforts of five states to restore the habitat of 16 salmonid species, including our native Russian River chinook and coho and steelhead trout. It was also Randy who spearheaded local efforts to complete a Biological Opinion on the effects of federal and local water projects on Russian River salmon and steelhead, a project that took 11 years and now must be implemented.

Under his leadership, the SCWA put biologists to work doing fish counts and measuring habitat; engineers designing wastewater irrigation systems; water efficiency experts looking at industrial water use; gardeners planting low water landscapes; wetlands experts restoring the Napa Salt Marsh; oceanographers studying ocean currents and wave energy; and energy consultants examining new pathways to clean and plentiful renewable energy.

His driving style has not come without controversy. A three year drought coupled with environmental restrictions that have constrained flows from the SCWA main reservoir, has sometimes brought the agency at odds with water contractors who have balked at reduced flows and conservation plans. When Randy began working at SCWA in 1991, one of his charges was to smooth the way for the Agency to obtain new water rights at Warm Springs Dam. Randy, however, recognized the