

of California. The dedication was attended by Interim President of the Republic of Hungary, Mr. Matyas Szuros, former House Speaker Thomas S. Foley, Secretary of Labor, Elizabeth Dole, Senate Republican Leader Robert Dole, Deputy Secretary of State of Lawrence Eagleburger, and several U.S. Representatives and Senators.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, I am honored to commemorate the life of Freedom Fighter and Hungarian statesman, Lajos Kossuth, in collaboration with the Ambassador of the Republic of Hungary, Bela Szombati, Majority Leader STENY H. HOYER, and Mrs. Annette Lantos, Chairwoman of the Lantos Foundation for Human Rights and Justice. Mr. Kossuth, a man of courage and conviction, paved a path to freedom in Hungary. His life and works will forever live as a testament to the power of commitment to freedom.

"The time draws near, when a radical change must take place for the whole world in the management of diplomacy"—Lajos Kossuth.

AFGHANISTAN WAR POWERS RESOLUTION

SPEECH OF

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to this resolution.

As a proud veteran of the United States Army, I have always worked to serve our men and women in uniform, our veterans, military families and their communities. In the U.S. House, I have the honor of representing Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base.

I recently traveled to Afghanistan to visit our troops and get a firsthand view of the situation on the ground. I met with 82nd Airborne troops as well as those from the North Carolina National Guard. They are doing a great job under the most trying of circumstances, and they make us all proud.

After the end of the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan, the United States simply walked away from a failed state. We know the impact that that decision has had on our history. We cannot simply walk away again. We must empower the Afghan army, security forces and the Afghan people themselves to tend to their security needs and build functioning civil institutions. We must not allow the Taliban to return to power in Afghanistan and once again use that country to become a staging ground for Al Qaeda terrorists targeting America and our allies. And we must stabilize this fragile region that includes the nuclear armed republic in next door Pakistan. These are daunting challenges, but our military men and women and their civilian counterparts are making progress and deserve our support.

Mr. Speaker, we should give our troops all of the resources they need, and make sure that we keep them in our prayers and appreciation. I am sure that my colleagues will join me in expressing our thanks. I thank first and foremost the Americans serving in Afghanistan. I thank their families for their tremendous sacrifice at home. I thank our allies, who would be left with an overwhelming task should we neglect our national commitments

and suddenly depart. I thank the vast majority of the Afghanis, who are working with us for their own futures in a functioning state. It is for their efforts, and all of their reasons for continuing to work tomorrow, that we should reject this resolution.

I urge my colleagues to join me in support of our troops and in opposition to this resolution.

HONORING THE LIFE OF K.D. KILPATRICK

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and achievements of Mr. K.D. Kilpatrick, who passed away on March 14, 2010.

Among his impressive list of endeavors, Mr. Kilpatrick was a prominent businessman and former state senator. He was the retired co-owner of Kilpatrick Funeral Homes, Inc., Central American Life Insurance Company, Inc., and Ashley Life Insurance Company.

He will surely be remembered by all as a loving husband and father, a successful businessman and an important part of the North Louisiana community. His legacy will continue to thrive in those who he leaves behind.

Mr. Kilpatrick was a friend to many, and deemed a gracious and hardworking person by all who knew him. I wish to express my deepest condolences to his family, and may God continue to bless the memory of a man who will truly be missed by his family, his friends and his community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the late K.D. Kilpatrick, a true representative of the spirit of North Louisiana.

HONORING SERGEANT GUSTAVO RODRIGUEZ

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor Army Staff Sergeant Gustavo Rodriguez for his exceptional service to the United States Army, his fellow medics, and corpsmen.

A native of Harford County, Sergeant Rodriguez was inspired by his father, a Vietnam veteran, to join the military and become a combat medic. His 15 years of service include three tours to Iraq and the receipt of the Bronze Star.

Sergeant Rodriguez, nicknamed Doc by his fellow soldiers, provides exceptional medical care and serves as a mentor and comrade to his colleagues. For his dedication and stellar commitment to the service, the Armed Services YMCA will award Sergeant Rodriguez with the Angels of the Battlefield Award. His bravery and honorable service saves lives each and everyday on the battlefield.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor Army Staff Sergeant Gustavo Rodriguez. His tremendous contributions to the United States military do not go unnoticed.

IN RECOGNITION OF WADLEY TOWN COUNCIL DECLARING ZULA BATTLE DAY TO COMMEMORATE HER 108TH BIRTHDAY

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I would like to request the House's attention today to pay recognition to Ms. Zula Battle who is celebrating her 108th birthday on March 22. The Wadley Town Council in Randolph County has helped highlight this special occasion by declaring March 22 as Zula Battle Day. According to Mayor Jim Dabbs, Ms. Battle has had more birthdays than the town itself.

On March 19, Ms. Battle is planning to celebrate her birthday at the home of Tom Radney. Many local residents close to Ms. Battle are planning to be in attendance, and the invitation is open to everyone in town.

Ms. Battle's 108th birthday is such a remarkable event that deserves all the praise given. I wish Ms. Battle a very happy birthday, and a wonderful Zula Battle day.

INTRODUCTION OF THE ELECTRICITY CONSUMERS' RIGHT TO KNOW ACT

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Mr. MARKEY of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, information is the ultimate tool for empowering consumers. The more people know about the things they buy, the better able they are to match their needs and budget to the appropriate product and quantity of that product. This principle has been applied to help consumers make more fully-informed decisions on everything from corn flakes to cars, but never to electricity. Today I am introducing the Electricity Consumers' Right to Know Act (e-KNOW) to establish the consumers' right to access their electricity information. Encouraging energy efficiency and conservation in our homes and businesses is one of the easiest and most cost-effective ways to strengthen our energy security and reduce global warming pollution. e-KNOW is a simple way to ensure that electric utility consumers have access to free, timely, and secure data regarding their electricity prices and usage patterns so they can take charge of their energy use and save money on utility bills.

The Pacific Northwest National Lab has found convincing evidence that consumers will change their energy consumption behavior in response to feedback they get regarding prices and patterns of use. When people see just how expensive electricity is when demand peaks on a hot summer day, they find ways to conserve energy or defer usage to a later time. This saves consumers money directly and also reduces the need for utilities to build more power plants, thereby indirectly saving consumers money through avoided rate increases in the future.

Rapid developments in Smart Grid technologies are providing a golden opportunity to

bridge the consumer information gap, but without regulatory reforms to ensure customers and their third party designees can access their electricity information, the potential of these technology advances will not be fully realized. The Recovery Act provided \$4.5 billion to accelerate standardization and deployment of the Smart Grid, including assistance in deploying millions of "smart meters" that can provide customers real-time usage and pricing information through two-way communications with the utility. The Electric Power Research Institute estimates that the U.S. will spend \$165 billion over the next 20 years building the Smart Grid, and FERC estimates that smart meters deployments will rise ten-fold over the next decade, from 8 million today to 80 million in 2019.

With full roll-out of smart grid technologies, the Pacific Northwest National Lab estimates that conservation efforts resulting from consumers' access to information will reduce residential and commercial electricity demand by 6 percent. This would save businesses and consumers more than \$15 billion annually and reduce carbon dioxide emissions significantly: 92 million metric tons annually in 2030, equal to the emissions of 16 large coal power plants. Providing customers with access to the data will not happen by itself. One recent study of a number of large utilities found that of the almost 17 million new meters being planned or deployed by respondents, only 35 percent had clear plans to provide customer access to the data. Less than 1 percent of these utilities' customers have real-time access to electricity data today.

States and utilities need not wait for full smart meter deployments to see benefits from adopting more transparent consumer data policies. Even without price incentives, simply providing consumers better information about their energy use has been shown to reduce total consumption by 5 to 15 percent, providing annual savings of \$60 to \$180 for the average American household. Even without smart meters, customers with access to historical electricity usage and price data can analyze their energy usage over time, evaluate prospective energy-efficiency investments, and compare electricity consumption against similarly sized houses. Improved access to this very basic data will also let new buyers of homes or buildings factor energy efficiency information into their purchase decisions.

Making energy data readily accessible to end-users will also open a whole new market and unleash massive innovation in the area of home and building energy management. Google and Microsoft are among the many innovators that have already released Internet-based visualization tools that are helping consumers better manage their energy use.

This legislation implements critical recommendations regarding increased consumer access to energy data that were included in the Federal Communications Commission's National Broadband Plan that was also released today. e-KNOW is critical to empowering energy consumers in the near-term, but it is also one part of an evolving national Smart Grid policy that will encourage entrepreneurs to use new technologies and business models to create a variety of energy management and information services over the longer-term. Making energy data available to electricity customers and their authorized third parties is fundamental to unleashing this vast potential for innovation.

The e-KNOW Act amends Title II of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 by adding Section 215, Electric Consumer Right to Access Electric Energy Information.

Under this legislation, U.S. electricity consumers, and any third parties they designate, would have the right to access their electricity usage and pricing information from their retail electricity provider in a free, timely, and convenient manner that ensures privacy and data security. To help implement this consumer right of access, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), in consultation with State regulatory authorities, the Secretary of Energy, and other appropriate Federal agencies, would—within six months of the date of enactment—establish guidelines identifying minimum national standards that States and utilities could adopt to ensure customers this right. These standards would incorporate and build upon the pioneering work done in this area by innovative States, including California, Pennsylvania, and Texas, which have already adopted standards to ensure consumer access to electricity data.

If, one year after the promulgation of the FERC guidelines, a retail electric utility fails to uphold the minimum national standards for ensuring consumer access to electricity data, the State may bring a civil action against the utility on behalf of its electric consumers to ensure compliance with the Act. If no civil action is brought by a state authority, any electric consumer may bring a civil action against their retail electric provider to require compliance with the Act. Enforcement authorities would not apply against utilities that FERC has, within the most recent two years, determined have adopted and implemented a policy that complies with the minimum standards set forth by FERC.

A TRIBUTE TO BUDDY TUDOR

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life and achievements of Robert "Buddy" Tudor, Jr., who passed away on March 14, 2010.

Buddy was a dedicated public servant, and it is his connection and involvement in his community for which he will always be remembered. After serving in the U.S. Army, Buddy went on to become a third-generation owner of Tudor Construction Company in Alexandria who later founded the statewide and regionally based Tudor Enterprises. Perhaps some of his most recognized properties include The Hotel Bentley, Jackson Place, The Commercial Building and the Diamond Grill restaurant.

An inspiration to all who knew him, Buddy was also a community leader, serving on the boards of numerous civic organizations. He was a past president of the Alexandria Rotary Club, the first chairman of the Rapides Area Planning Commission. Also among his impressive list of endeavors and recognitions, Buddy received the Louisiana Preservation Alliance Award for preservation of The Hotel Bentley and the National Trust for Historic Preservation Honor Award in 1986.

A man of many dimensions, Buddy was also devoted to his family and church. He is sur-

vived by his wife, Patsy, five children, three stepchildren, 19 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Buddy served as a deacon and Sunday school teacher at Pineville's First Baptist Church.

It is my pleasure to honor the late Buddy Tudor, a man who served the people of Central Louisiana to his fullest capacity. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Buddy Tudor for his exceptional contributions to his community and unparalleled influence on those of us who were blessed to have known him.

TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN JOSEPH GOULD FOR HIS SERVICE AND HIS POEM, OLD GLORY

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to United States Navy Captain Joseph Gould (Retired), who bravely served his country in time of war and continues to play a role in honoring America through his authorship of a much revered poem, Old Glory.

Captain Gould was born in Brunswick, Georgia, in 1920 and graduated from the United States Naval Academy in May of 1942 before being deployed in World War II.

Captain Gould's 23 years as a Navy officer include service as commander of the LSM449 Amphibious Ship, executive officer of the USS *Radford* Destroyer, commander of the USS *Silverstein* DE534 Destroyer Escort, and commander of 15 ocean mine sweepers. He concluded his military service assigned to the Pacific Fleet as a Fleet Intelligence Officer at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Captain Gould retired from the United States Navy on November 1, 1965.

A resident of Fairhope, Alabama, Captain Gould penned a patriotic poem, Old Glory, to honor our nation's flag. This inspiring tribute has been adopted by the Baldwin County Commission in its presentations to honor local World War II veterans.

I would like to include Captain Gould's poem in the RECORD, and on behalf of a grateful nation, I thank Captain Gould for his service to America.

OLD GLORY

(By Joseph Gould)

I have survived quite a lot of hype
Since Betsy Ross designed my prototype,
Some have been false, some have been true;
I've selected some pertinent facts for you.

I was with Paul Revere at the end of his ride;
The first man on the moon had me at his side.

I was with the lads at Bunker Hill,
Aboard "Old Ironsides" I'm flying still.
I went with George across the Delaware,
Inspired Francis Scott Key in the rockets' red glare.

Abe Lincoln flew me from a Gettysburg steeple
And ever since then I've been liberating people.

I stormed ashore with Marines at Guadalcanal,
Climbed Mount Suribachi with a G.I. pal.
I rode with Patton 'til we reached the Rhine,
And only stopped when the Allies drew the line.