

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.

I've seen our enemies brought to their knees  
Including the Germans and Japanese.

I watched Ronald Reagan as he stood tall  
and said, "Mr. Gorbechev, tear down this  
wall!"

I've sailed the seven seas with the boys in  
Navy blue,

Made the journey to the North and South  
poles too.

I've basked in the sun on many a tropic isle;  
I've marched city streets in grandiose style.  
Today you can find me in the Middle East  
Helping to suppress the Terrorist Beast  
That hates and despises our way of life and  
Continually causes much worldly strife.

Now that you've heard my story true  
I have a request to make of you;  
Promise that evermore I shall wave  
Over the land of the free and home of the  
brave.

I am Old Glory, the Stars and Stripes—for-  
ever!

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### HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Tuesday, March 16, 2010*

Mr. ROYCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the success of Chapman University and their commitment to Holocaust education. The Rodgers Center for Holocaust Education, The Stern Chair in Holocaust Education, and the Sala and Aron Samuelli Holocaust Memorial Library were founded on the mission of educating, remembering, and inspiring.

These centers not only provide academic resources on this important topic, but also motivate students to stand up against racism, prejudice, and bias-related violence.

It will be my pleasure to join with Chapman as they host Nobel Peace Prize laureate Elie Wiesel on April 25th, 2010 to honor Professor Marilyn Harran for her exemplary dedication to Holocaust education, remembrance and witness. Chapman's Holocaust Art and Writing Contest, the Holocaust studies minor and the Sala and Aron Holocaust Memorial Library are just a few of the meaningful programs under her leadership.

I want to specifically recognize the leaders of these institutions and the event: Chapman University President James Doti; Dr. Marilyn Harran; Elie Wiesel; and Co-Chairs Nancy and Irving Chase, Rosemary and William Elperin, and Shelia and Mike Lefkowitz. Their commitment enlightens and empowers not only Chapman students but all who wish to bear witness to the tragedy of the Holocaust.

Madam Speaker, I am pleased to recognize Dr. Marilyn Harran and look forward to celebrating her achievements with the Chapman community.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE OF  
SPECIALIST LAKESHIA M. BAILEY

### 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 recognize the life of a proud American hero, Specialist Lakeshia M. Bailey.

Specialist Bailey, of Columbus, Georgia, died in Iraq on March 8, 2010, in service to our nation. She is survived by her husband and parents.

Like all those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in this conflict, words cannot express the sense of sadness we have for her family, and the gratitude our country feels for her service. Specialist Bailey died serving the United States and the entire cause of liberty, on a mission to bring stability to a troubled region and liberty to a formerly oppressed people. She was a true patriot for serving our nation, and she will be missed.

We will forever hold her closely in our hearts, and remember her sacrifice and that of her family as a remembrance of her bravery and willingness to serve. Thank you, Madam Speaker, for the House's remembrance on this mournful day.

HONORING MRS. SYLVIA YVONNE  
DRAKEFORD

### HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Tuesday, March 16, 2010*

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in commemoration of the life of Mrs. Sylvia Yvonne Drakeford. Mrs. Drakeford, a resident of Englewood, New Jersey, passed away on March 6, 2010 after decades of public service with the Englewood City Department of Education and Department of Recreation.

During the past 30 years, Mrs. Drakeford served as the playground supervisor for the Department of Recreation. As supervisor, she was instrumental in restructuring the city's camping trip program to include affordable, package deals for the city's children. Prior to her time at the Department of Recreation, Mrs. Drakeford served as a teacher's aide at Cleveland and Quarles Schools in the city of Englewood for 27 years. For 15 of these years, she spent the first half of the day educating school children, and the second half entertaining them as the coordinator of the schools' after-school program. Mrs. Drakeford's contributions to the city touched generations of Englewood residents.

Mrs. Drakeford leaves behind a loving and adoring family. Her son Teddy Drakeford, who I have known for nearly two decades, was a valued staffer in my office from 1996 until last year. He recently left my office to continue his mother's proud legacy of working with children.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in honoring Mrs. Drakeford for her lifetime of dedicated support to the children and residents of Englewood.

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE WERNETH,  
VETERAN MOBILE PRESS-REG-  
ISTER REPORTER

### HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Tuesday, March 16, 2010*

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, on Sunday, January 24, 2010, George Werneth, a veteran

reporter for the Mobile Press-Register in my congressional district passed away at that age of 65.

George Werneth was an institution in Mobile journalism, covering maritime operations and military news for approximately four decades before his retirement.

George had a reputation for sound reporting and fact checking as noted in the Press-Register's own story about his passing.

He was absolutely devoted to rooting out the truth and took great pains to verify all details. It was said that the newspaper never had to run a correction for any of his news stories: he was that reliable.

George was well known and respected by Mobile area veterans for his devotion to military news coverage, which was his beat for approximately half of his reporting career.

He loved the military and shared a bond with those who donned the uniform of our country.

In honor of his efforts, George was made an honorary member of the Marine Corps League at the American Legion Post 88 in Mobile. His departure from local reporting was keenly felt when he put down his pen and pad for retirement in November 2008.

George Werneth's absence in the lives of his family, friends, former colleagues—the community he loved—will be even more profoundly felt.

I offer my condolences and prayers to his family, including his son Joseph Carey Werneth, his brother Carey Werneth and his two grandsons, Skylar Carey Werneth and Dylan Mesean Werneth.

MARCH IS RED CROSS MONTH

### HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Tuesday, March 16, 2010*

Ms. CLARKE. Madam Speaker, the American Red Cross has provided assistance and comfort to communities stricken by disasters large and small since it was founded in 1881 by Clara Barton. President Woodrow Wilson was the first to proclaim "Red Cross Week" in 1918, as a time for our citizens "to give generously to the continuation of the important work of relieving distress." For over 100 years, the American Red Cross has continued to help ensure our communities are more ready and resilient in the face of future disasters. This March, I urge all Americans to not only recognize the depth and breadth of services offered by the American Red Cross, but to also join the effort and increase awareness of humanitarian work.

From rebuilding former adversaries after World War II, to combating HIV/AIDS in Africa, to saving lives after the tragic earthquake in Haiti, the American people have an unmatched tradition of responding to challenges at home and abroad with compassion and generosity. The American Red Cross has had an ongoing presence in Haiti since 2004 supporting local disaster preparedness, HIV education, malaria prevention and measles immunization initiatives. In just over one month since the earthquake, the Red Cross has provided assistance to more than 1.3 million people and will continue to aid hundreds of thousands more in the months ahead.