

At home and abroad, one in five Americans is touched by the Red Cross every single year. The American Red Cross was instrumental in providing immediate response to the devastating earthquake that struck Haiti in January of this year. Currently, more than 100 people are representing the American Red Cross in Haiti. This includes 30 specialists providing relief distribution and telecommunications support and 14 employees, who were permanently based in Haiti prior to the earthquake and are helping to guide the response, in addition to over 50 Creole-speaking interpreters on the USNS *Comfort*. The American Red Cross is also responding to the 8.8 magnitude earthquake that struck Chile on February 27, making an initial \$50,000 pledge from its International Response Fund for relief operations. In addition, the American Red Cross will continue to monitor the potential impacts of Saturday's tsunami and is prepared to help the people of Hawaii and the U.S. territories in the Pacific, if there is a need.

In addition to deploying relief workers and other disaster management specialists, the American Red Cross is providing relief supplies for 130,000 Haitians including blankets, kitchen sets, hygiene kits, water containers and mosquito nets. The Red Cross has also provided three million pre-packaged meals to the United Nations World Food Programme in Haiti as well as funding to help feed an additional 1 million people for a month. The organization has also partnered with Population Services International to provide more than 1 million water-purification sachets, to ensure that Haitian families have access to clean drinking water. The Red Cross has also provided nearly 750 units of blood for Haiti earthquake survivors. As of early February, the American Red Cross has received over \$225 million for the Haiti relief and recovery effort, and 91 cents of every dollar is going directly to critical humanitarian services and programs. That is why I partnered with the Red Cross of Greater New York to help with Haiti response efforts.

Just one week after the 7.0 earthquake struck Haiti, the NY Red Cross, working in partnership with Local 1199SEIU, NAACP, Haitian Americans United for Progress, Councilman Mathieu Eugene and my office, was able to provide volunteer translators. The Red Cross of Greater New York has since deployed over forty Creole-speaking volunteers, to serve on the US Navy's hospital ship, the USNS *Comfort* anchored off the coast of Haiti. The Greater New York chapter has also helped thousands of Haitian Americans in my district connect with their family members in Haiti. Representing the second largest concentration for first and second generation Haitian immigrants, I applaud the Red Cross' Resorting Family Links programs, which has worked to register over 30,000 people affected by the earthquake. To date, the Red Cross of Greater New York has facilitated nearly 2,000 phone calls between earthquake survivors and their family abroad. Throughout the Greater New York region, the Red Cross provides invaluable services that protect the life and health of all New Yorkers.

The American Red Cross of Greater New York is a key humanitarian partner providing immediate aid to as many as 100,000 New Yorkers affected by local disasters each year. When disaster strikes a densely populated urban area, the emergency-care needs are

huge and immediate. Recently in my district, the Red Cross of Greater New York launched their "March to 200" campaign with the goal of training 200 Red Cross volunteers in shelter leadership roles. It is this dedication to service and preparedness which makes the Greater New York Red Cross a valuable asset to all New Yorkers.

The Red Cross of Greater New York would not be what it is today without the priceless work of CEO Terry Bischoff. Her dedication and compassion have inspired us all, and her leadership has transformed the capacities of this organization. She will most certainly be missed, but the effects of her work will be lasting. Whether it is an earthquake or a single family home fire; a call for blood or a call for help, the American Red Cross is there. I ask all my colleagues join me today in applauding the hard work of the American Red Cross volunteers and celebrating March as American Red Cross Month.

THANKING THE PERSHING ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize a group of Nebraskan students for doing their part to help in the Haiti relief efforts. Pershing Elementary students in Lexington, Nebraska decided to get involved and each class took part in a penny drive in order to provide money to the victims of the earthquake.

While the entire elementary school took part in the fundraiser, it was the third grade class which was the driving force behind raising money for Haiti. The students had seen images of the victims and the horrible destruction which took place on the island and they took it upon themselves to go classroom to classroom, raising \$877. The third graders raised money so the victims could "buy supplies and build hospitals."

I am extremely proud of the elementary students in Lexington. Their efforts to help those in need are inspiring; and I thank them for helping spread Nebraska generosity. I am grateful to have such excellent students in my district.

HONORING GUEST CHAPLAIN,
JOHN L. BEAVER, NATIONAL
CHAPLAIN, THE AMERICAN LE-
GION

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise to personally welcome to the House, our guest chaplain, John L. Beaver of Mobile, who hails from the First Congressional District of Alabama.

John L. Beaver was appointed National Chaplain of The American Legion on August 17, 2009, during the closing session of the 91st National Convention in Louisville, KY.

A retired U.S. Air Force veteran with more than 20 years military service from the Viet-

nam War era to the time of the Lebanon/Grenada conflicts, Chaplain Beaver has performed religious duties at the local Post, District, State and National levels since joining the American Legion in 1989.

Chaplain Beaver is well known and respected in South Alabama for his humanitarian work with an emphasis on aiding homeless persons.

In the aftermath of the September 2005 crisis following Hurricane Katrina, Chaplain Beaver coordinated regional relief efforts on behalf of The American Legion, a fellow veterans' service organization and church organizations.

He was instrumental in the operation of supply depots and distribution sites to aid storm victims all along the stricken Gulf Coast.

A pastor assistant and Sunday school superintendent, Chaplain Beaver's primary ministry is the visitation of—and care for—shut-ins at area hospitals, assisted living facilities, veteran's homes and homeless shelters through the ministries of the Fowl River and Kingswood United Methodist Churches in the Mobile, Alabama area.

I join my colleagues in welcoming Chaplain Beaver to the U.S. House and in thanking him for his service to our veterans and our community.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$12,636,662,956,140.07.

On January 6, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$1,998,237,209,846.20 so far this Congress. The debt has increased \$60,984,093,238.39 since just yesterday.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I was absent from the House floor during Friday's three rollcall votes and Monday's four rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall numbers 109 and 110, and "yes" on rollcall numbers 111 through 115.

INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION
ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010 (H.R.
2701)

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues in support of H.R.

2701, a bill to authorize appropriations for intelligence-related activities in fiscal year 2010. This bill strengthens the safety and security of every American family with targeted investments in our intelligence capabilities.

By containing not a single earmark, H.R. 2701 authorizes only essential spending to support our troops overseas and improve America's national security. I support this bill because it will prepare America for the threats of tomorrow, with strategic investments in our cybersecurity infrastructure here at home, and human intelligence gathering in emerging areas of concern such as Yemen and the Horn of Africa.

Most importantly, this bill will keep America safe without sacrificing American values. It prohibits private contractors from participating in CIA interrogations, requires the video recording of interrogations, and expands Congressional oversight of all intelligence activities to prevent the abuses of the past decade.

HONORING ROBERT E. DOYLE

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a lifetime of committed service to the United States of America and many of its critical federal agencies by a true public servant, Mr. Robert E. Doyle. This year, Mr. Doyle will retire following 36 years of dedicated civil service. Originally from Massachusetts, Doyle earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the College of the Holy Cross in 1971 and a Masters in Public Administration from Southern Methodist University in 1974. He also holds a certification in Financial Planning.

Mr. Doyle began his career in 1974 at the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), where he worked his way up through the ranks within the management and administrative fields. After his successful tenure at HUD, Mr. Doyle changed agencies to work at the U.S. Bureau of Mines (USBM), under the Department of the Interior. There, he served as the Director for Finance and Administration for over 10 years. At the USBM, Robert aided in the protection of our nation's natural resources and worked to identify and develop new processes to improve the extraction of these national assets. After the USBM was restructured in 1995, Mr. Doyle is credited with making the transition to new positions within the government easier for his staff through his excellent guidance.

Mr. Doyle later moved on to the Bureau of Land Management, where he served as the Chief Financial Officer, and later, as the Assistant Director of Business and Fiscal Resources. As the Assistant Director, he led efforts to employ an integrated management system for improving the agency's performance and accountability. Under Mr. Doyle's leadership, the BLM was chosen as a finalist for the Presidents Fiscal Year 2002 Quality Award, recognizing budget and performance integration.

Robert's final stop on a distinguished trek through the civil service was with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), where, for almost 5 years, he served as the Chief Operating Offi-

cer and Deputy Director. During his time at the USGS, Robert provided key leadership to reorganize the agency's regional hubs and realigned operations to improve the structure of the agency's new Bureau for Science Strategy. Mr. Doyle also introduced a plan to open the USGS's huge store of satellite photography for public and commercial use. Additionally, he facilitated systematic and fundamental changes that restored financial integrity to the Federal Housing Insurance Fund through his extensive knowledge of finance systems and the mortgage insurance underwriting process.

Today, we honor Mr. Doyle's long, distinguished career and congratulate him on his retirement. Robert is the epitome of a true public servant. His service to the government has contributed immensely to our country. He has been a true model to others who wish to succeed in federal service.

TRIBUTE TO MONROE COUNTY
COMMISSIONER CHARLIE
MCCORVEY

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise out of sadness to note the recent passing of a good friend and a long-time public servant. Monroe County Commissioner Charlie McCorvey passed away at the age of 59 on February 24, 2010, after an extended illness.

Charlie McCorvey loved helping others and his many achievements are measured in the lives of the many students at Monroeville Middle School where he taught for 35 years, as well as in the support and respect he earned from the people of Monroe County who benefitted from his leadership as county commissioner for over two decades.

Commissioner McCorvey was native to Monroe County and South Alabama where he was dedicated to inspiring his students to reach for their dreams while he also labored hard in local government to improve the lives of all citizens.

A graduate of Hope College in Holland, Michigan, Charlie worked as a teacher in New York state before eventually returning to South Alabama.

Charlie was more than a passionate school teacher and public official, he was also among Monroe County's most noted ambassadors. For over 14 years, he traveled across the United States and around the world as a major cast member of the play "To Kill a Mockingbird," based on the book by another Monroe County native, Harper Lee.

Charlie portrayed the character of Tom Robinson with a style that mesmerized audiences of all ages.

Charlie was also an active member of the Alabama Education Association, serving as a state and national delegate. He also served as treasurer of the Monroe County Education Association and the Monroe County Democratic Conference. His volunteer activities included serving as a board member of the American Red Cross in Monroe County.

Commissioner McCorvey is survived by his partner, Sandra Farr and three children, Stephanie Lauren, Justin Ryan and Charles Quarles and nine brothers and sisters.

On behalf of the people of Monroe County, I extend my prayers and condolences to his family.

DOROTHY GOLUSH AND PEG
HANNIGAN

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, I ask your indulgence and that of my colleagues to celebrate two wonderful events: the 90th birthdays of two extraordinary women, each of whom has been very important in my life. We spoke often here about some of the problems people face as we age, and it's appropriate for public policy to be focused on that. But that can lead to an unfortunate impression of older people as always the objects of other people's help, and of the difficulties that they face. There is of course another side to that story—the satisfaction that comes to people who have led loving, productive lives, in which they have been of great service to others, and who are now able to enjoy their years and look both back and around at the people they have loved and nurtured.

One of these two extraordinary women is Dorothy Golush, the widow of my Uncle Abe, who was one of my mother's older brothers. My mother was part of a remarkable family of three brothers and three sisters, children of immigrants, who created a warm, loving extended family. A few years ago, the four surviving siblings died within an eighteen month period, at ages ranging from ninety-two to one hundred and five. The one survivor of that generation, who is an inspiration for myself, my siblings and my cousins, is our Aunt Dot—who recently turned ninety. She is blessed with the vigor and acuity that has marked her life, and for me, it is a pleasure to come home after a long day here and pick up my phone and listen to a wonderful message of encouragement from her, after she's read about some particularly important piece of work that we have done.

Madam Speaker, I am very pleased to be able to offer a Happy Birthday to Dorothy Golush, on behalf of all of us in the generation after her, who have so benefitted from her life.

And while paying tribute to my aunt here, I also want, Madam Speaker, to pay tribute to a woman who is widely known in the Greater Newton area as "The Godmother." Peg Hannigan will turn ninety this month. I regret very much that I am unable to be at the celebration of this event at the Scandinavian Home where she now lives on March 25, so I am sending this along in my absence.

Peg Hannigan's political work began in 1947, when she got involved in John Kennedy's campaign for Congress. In the ensuing years she became an increasingly more important figure for those of us interested in political life. For cynics who believe that there is some conflict between political idealism and political practicality, Peg Hannigan is a living, breathing, absolute refutation. No one I have met in my own years in elected office has been more dedicated to the values of fairness that represent America at our best, and no one has been a more effective ally to those of