

COMMENDING COMCAST MIAMI ON
COMCAST CARES DAY 2010

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 22, 2010

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Comcast Cares Day, an annual day of service that is one of the largest single-day volunteer efforts in the country. Comcast is an active and engaged member of the Miami-Dade community and supports its well-being through annual volunteer activities.

This year's event will be the ninth annual company-wide day of service. Since 2001, Comcast employees have given more than 500,000 hours of service to more than 725 non-profit community partners across the country. In recognition of the efforts of their employees, The Comcast Foundation has also contributed \$8 million to its community partners in support of their year-round work in our communities.

Comcast Miami has announced the Edgar J. Hall Special Populations Center as the recipient of Comcast Cares Day 2010. Edgar J. Hall Special Population Center is part of the City of Hialeah's Recreation and Community Services Department, which provides recreational programs for adults with disabilities, particularly the developmentally disabled. It is home to the largest Special Olympics delegation in Miami-Dade County.

On April 24th more than 600 employees and their families will start Comcast Cares Day at Bucky Dent Park in the City of Hialeah. Projects include the planting of a food garden, a grounds and building make-over, and new upgrades which will increase accessibility for the disabled.

I wish to recognize Comcast and their employees for their dedication to serving the community, and I congratulate the Edgar J. Hall Special Population Center and the City of Hialeah for being this year's beneficiary of Comcast Cares Day.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 22, 2010

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I missed the following recorded votes on the House floor the legislative week of Tuesday, April 13, 2010.

For Tuesday, April 13, 2010, had I been present I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 196 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1222), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 197 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1041), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 198 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1042).

For Wednesday, April 14, 2010, had I been present I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 199 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1236), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 200 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 4994), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 201 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 3125), "no" on rollcall vote No.

202 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1249), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 203 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1246).

For Thursday, April 15, 2010, had I been present I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 204 (on agreeing to H. Res. 1248, which provides for consideration of H.R. 4715), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 205 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1062), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 206 (on motion to refer H. Res. 1255, raising a question of the privileges of the House), "no" on rollcall vote No. 207 (on Shea-Porter amendment to H.R. 4715), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 208 (on motion to recommit H.R. 4715 with instructions), "no" on rollcall vote No. 209 (on passage of H.R. 4715), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 210 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1242), "no" on rollcall vote No. 211 (On motion to concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 4851, the Continuing Extension Act).

HONORING ARTHUR E. KATZ

HON. TOM PRICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 22, 2010

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Arthur E. Katz, a 1963 graduate of the United States Coast Guard Academy and a longtime resident of Sandy Springs, Georgia. As I'll explain in a moment, tomorrow, April 23, 2010, is a very special day for Arthur. But first, allow me to tell you a bit more about this man who has lived a quintessentially American life.

After his graduation from the Academy, Arthur Katz served with distinction in the United States Coast Guard, eventually rising to the rank of Lieutenant, Junior Grade. In 1965 and 1966, he was stationed in Vietnam as the Commanding Officer of the USCGC Point Cypress. While some here today may not know it, the duties of the Coast Guard often take its men and women far from American shores.

For his leadership at the helm of the Point Cypress, Arthur received the Bronze Star, one of our nation's highest military honors. Arthur's Bronze Star was accompanied by the Combat Distinguishing Device in particular recognition of his masterful handling of the Point Cypress in a vicious firefight with several Viet Cong junks in June of 1966. His quick thinking and well executed strategy led to the destruction or disabling of all enemy craft in that action without a single American casualty.

Arthur later returned to civilian life, earning an MBA from Rutgers University and running his own small business. He has volunteered countless hours for the local community over the years, including his time on the Board of the Marcus Jewish Community Center of Atlanta and as the President of Emanu-El synagogue in Sandy Springs. Today, he and his wife of forty-six years are the proud forebears of three children and seven grandchildren.

And tomorrow, on April 23, 2010, Arthur will be inducted into the Wall of Gallantry at the United States Coast Guard Academy. According to the Academy's own description, the Wall of Gallantry provides "a regular reminder to Cadets and the public of the scope of responsibilities and sacrifice demanded of Coast Guard officers throughout history."

So even as he is recognized for his distinguished service in the Coast Guard, Arthur Katz will continue to serve as an inspiration to future generations of Coast Guard officers. This is a fitting and much deserved honor for a man to whom we all owe an enormous debt of gratitude that can never be fully repaid.

Arthur Katz has exemplified the American spirit in service to his country, his community, his family, and his faith. Such a life carries an honor all its own, and it is my distinct privilege to recognize him here today.

THE CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL: A LEGACY OF SERVICE

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 22, 2010

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in congratulating the 2009-2010 Congressional Youth Advisory Council. This year 45 students from public, private, and home schools in grades 9 through 12 made their voices heard and made a difference in their communities, their country and their Congress. These students volunteered their time, effort, and talent to inform me about the important issues facing their generation. As young leaders within their communities and their schools, these students boldly represent the promise and the hope we all have for their very bright future.

President Ronald Reagan said, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free."

To ensure that the blessing of freedom is passed from one generation to the next, the members of the CYAC spent time interviewing a veteran and documenting the experience for the "Preserving History Project." Today I'm proud to submit the brief summaries provided so the patriotic service of our dedicated veterans and the thoughtful work of the CYAC may be preserved for antiquity in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. A copy of each submitted student summary follows.

To each member of the Congressional Youth Advisory Council, thank you for making this year and this group a success. It is not a coincidence that this congressional tribute celebrates two generations of service. Each of you is trusted with the precious gift of freedom.

You are the voices of the future and I salute you. God bless you and God bless America.

The summary follows:

American history, a resonant prize of the past, is a call to duty for the future. The leaders who established freedom in America have been succeeded by equally adroit and faithful men and women. One such individual is the retired Colonel Bill Knudsen, who served in the Air Force for 23 years, spanning the Vietnam and the Cold Wars. The recipient of six Air Medals, Mr. Knudsen flew along Vietcong trails to monitor sensors, directed flights in Thailand, and spent three

years in Alaska as an Intelligence Officer. Mr. Knudsen's family and military background reveals three paramount principles: the contribution of leaders, the cost of freedom, and the duty of citizens. Mr. Knudsen reflects the devotion of leaders—ordinary individuals with humble and selfless attitudes. As the benefactors of the gift of freedom, it is our duty to responsibly elect dependable leaders and to encourage military men and women. Because of dauntless leaders, Americans are blessed with the unparalleled gift of freedom. With the rich history of our nation and the devoted leaders of our generation, we hold great expectations for the continuance of duty, the cultivation of wisdom, and the conservation of our freedom.—Michelle Kim

HONORING ROBERT SELBY

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 22, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to posthumously commend and congratulate Robert Selby upon being awarded with the "Lifetime Achievement Award" by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 9896. Mr. Selby was honored on Saturday, January 30, 2010 in Chowchilla, California.

Mr. Robert Selby was born in June 1936 in Sparta, Tennessee. In 1961, Mr. Selby enlisted in the United States Air Force. He was sent to Lackland Air Force Base, Texas for his basic training. He then completed training as a Jet Mechanic and Flight Engineer.

While fighting in Vietnam, Mr. Selby served with special Air Force units flying out of Nha Trang, Vietnam on covert missions into Laos and North Vietnam. His tour consisted of flying on many secret missions deep into enemy territory, inserting agents and hampering North Vietnamese communications in advance of U.S. bombing raids. During one particularly challenging mission on an HC-130, the aircraft was forced to fly low through heavy weather and mountainous terrain to drop supplies to combat forces. For his performance during this particular mission, Mr. Selby was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Upon returning to the United States after the war ended, Mr. Selby completed the Non-Commissioned Officers' Academy. Later, he completed the Command Staff Non-Commissioned Officers' Academy and Air Force Special Operations. Throughout his military career Mr. Selby completed many advanced training courses including, cross-training with the United States Army infantry units and the M-24 Tank, Advanced Flying Course in Turbo Propulsion, the Combat Talon, the Air Force Supervisor's Management Course, and the United States Air Force Trainer-Supervisor Course. He served on many aircraft, including the B-66 and the C-130, units and bases. He served with the 60th Military Air Wing, 8th Special Operations Service, 778th TAS, 42nd TRS and 10th TRW.

In October 1968, while serving with a C-130 squadron in Bermuda providing search and rescue missions, Mr. Selby was involved with the successful NASA Apollo 7 mission. Apollo 7 was launched and was the first manned mission. For eleven days, while the spacecraft orbited earth, Mr. Selby and squadron mates were available to assist if necessary.

Master Sergeant Selby retired from the Air Force in June 1981. For his service, Mr. Selby

was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Good Conduct Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Non-commissioned Officer Professional Military Education Ribbon, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with three bronze stars, the Republic of Vietnam Unit Cross of Gallantry with palm and device and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Upon retirement, Mr. Selby worked for the Chowchilla Water District, and later, as a hydro-power operator. He was a Life Member of the Chowchilla Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9896, American Legion Post 248, the Disabled American Veterans, a member of the Chowchilla Masonic Lodge and the Civil Air Patrol. He served several terms as commander of the Chowchilla American Legion and VFW. He was an advocate of veterans' affairs and volunteered his time to take veterans to appointments in Fresno and Madera.

Mr. Selby passed away in the beginning of 2010. He is survived by his wife of fifty years, Shirley, two sons and three grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to posthumously honor the life of Robert Selby and congratulate him upon being named as a "Distinguished Life Member" by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 9896.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE OAKLAND COUNTY HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF OAKLAND COUNTY

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 22, 2010

Mr. PETERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Oakland County Hospital Association (OCHA) on the occasion of its 100th year. As a Member of Congress it is both my privilege and honor to recognize the Oakland County Hospital Association for its century of work creating a stronger and healthier Oakland County.

At the beginning of the 20th Century the Oakland County Hospital Association was formed with the mission of meeting the health needs of all of Oakland County's residents. After nine years of planning, fundraising, and construction the Association opened Oakland County Hospital in Pontiac on May 18, 1910 to fulfill this mission. Over 100 years after it was founded, Oakland County Hospital, now Doctors' Hospital of Michigan, remains dedicated to providing quality care to its patients.

Known by many names over the years, Oakland County Hospital, Pontiac City Hospital, Pontiac General, North Oakland Medical Center and finally Doctors' Hospital, the facility has been an ever-present part of the greater Pontiac Oakland area as a symbol of community-focused medical treatment. With Doctors' Hospital continuing to serve patients at the original location of Oakland County Hospital, the mission of OCHA will continue to be fulfilled for many years to come.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Oakland County Medical Association. The Association has been an integral voice

over the past century in ensuring Oakland County residents have access to high quality health services and I wish the Association many more productive years of fighting to make Oakland County healthier and stronger.

H.R. 1132—THE SHORT LINE RAILROAD TAX CREDIT

HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 22, 2010

Mr. EHLERS. Madam Speaker, I rise to urge the House to take up and pass H.R. 1132, which would extend the short line railroad tax credit as soon as possible. This credit creates immediate jobs, leverages significant amounts of private infrastructure investment and helps preserve much needed rail service to rural and small town America.

This credit has produced significant results since its enactment in 2004. Unfortunately the credit expired at the end of 2009. Nationally there are over 500 short line railroads operating 50,000 miles or nearly one quarter of the country's rail network. In my own state of Michigan, short lines operate 52 percent of the states total rail network and almost all of that is in areas no longer served by the large Class I railroads. The majority of Michigan's agricultural products that move by rail move by short line rail.

Today's short lines are small businesses that saved the track the large national railroads would otherwise have abandoned. This tax credit has played a critical role in helping preserve this valuable transportation infrastructure. If we do not extend it soon, the 2010 work season will be lost and with it we will lose a very cost efficient way to create jobs and rehabilitate our rail infrastructure.

Currently, H.R. 1132 is co-sponsored by a bi-partisan majority of the House, 259 Members. Surely with that kind of support we can find a way to enact this legislation before it is too late to enjoy its benefits in 2010, a year in which Michigan desperately needs new jobs.

COMMEMORATING THE 95TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 22, 2010

Mr. WAXMAN. Madam Speaker, this week, we solemnly commemorate the 95th Anniversary of the beginning of the Armenian Genocide.

From 1915 to 1923, the Ottoman Government sought to destroy Armenian communities through a systematic campaign of terror. Men were separated from their families and murdered; women and children were forced to march across the Syrian Desert, and killed if they lagged behind. At the time, the United States took bold diplomatic, political, and humanitarian action to end the bloodshed and protect the survivors. Ninety-five years later, we must continue to take pride in our efforts and reaffirm our commitment to ending genocide and defending human rights for all.