

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.

For the Preserving History project, I interviewed my World Geography teacher, Coach Baley. Ryan Patrick Baley served in the U.S. Army as an E4 Specialist in the Infantry. He was gunner for a Bradley crew and also a driver for a first Sergeant. Baley also guarded the DM2 in South Korea. He accomplished his patriotic duty for our country. From this interview, I gained more of an appreciation towards those who serve and risk their lives for our country. This experience allowed me to realize that the soldiers that perform their duty have dedicated so much, so that our nation is ensured protection as well as having the principles we as citizens believe in set forward and fought for. Baley believes that, "the U.S. military organization is the greatest organization and only two have died for others: Jesus and the soldiers of the U.S.A." Hence, there is no other army in the world that resembles the U.S. Army; everyone who serves this patriotic duty deserves a great amount of appreciation from every United States citizen for each individual strength put forward for our country, the United States of America.—Ginu Scaria.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE RADIATION EXPOSURE COMPENSATION ACT AMENDMENT OF 2010

#### HON. BEN RAY LUJÁN

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 26, 2010*

Mr. LUJÁN. Madam Speaker, I am proud to introduce the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act Amendment of 2010. More than 50 years ago, Americans throughout the Southwest took jobs mining and refining raw uranium. These individuals, looking to provide for their families and creating a stable future for their children, are an important part of the history of the 20th Century and the Cold War. Unfortunately, they were unknowingly endangering their own lives by working in poorly ventilated mine shafts with little to no protective equipment. After they left work, they returned home to their families where their clothes, covered in yellow cake uranium, were washed along with that of their loved ones.

Sadly, the pursuit of the American Dream ended with tragedy for many of the miners exposed to uranium. Many of them fell ill from the radiation they were exposed to at work in the mines. Some people who had never stepped foot in a mine fell victim to the same illnesses due to wind patterns that carried this dangerous source of energy. As these Americans mined for a resource vital to the Nation's security, too many of them made the ultimate sacrifice.

This Congress now has the opportunity to right this wrong. By extending the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act to Americans exposed to radioactive uranium by wind patterns or after the current cutoff in 1971 or those with newly recognized conditions, we can finally come to terms with the dark legacy of America's nuclear policy. Too many RECA claims

by my constituents in New Mexico as well as by those throughout the Southwest and in Guam are denied by the government because they lacked documentation from decades before. This legislation makes it easier for people to access the compensation they deserve.

The Americans who worked in uranium mines were serving our Nation every day, but were unaware of the extreme danger they were in. It is time to recognize these heroes of the Cold War and provide them with fair and equitable compensation for their suffering. We can never fully compensate these Americans for what they have lost—there is no compensation for the loss of a loved one. More than 50 years later, too many of these Americans are no longer with us. We have ignored their plight for too long. It is time to correct this long overdue wrong for those still with us.

I encourage my colleagues to consider and support this legislation.

#### DR. HAROLD A. CARTER, SR.: A LEGACY OF PRINCIPLE AND FAITH

#### HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 26, 2010*

Mr. CUMMINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor a great American and true leader—Dr. Harold A. Carter, Sr.

His is a vision and a mission—grounded in the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s—that has compelling importance for our Nation today.

More than a half-century ago, when Dr. Carter was still a young man in Selma, Alabama, Dr. Ralph Abernathy and, then, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., both offered Harold Carter his first opportunities to speak to their congregations as a newly ordained minister.

"I was a young college student and they wanted to give me a boost from the beginning," Dr. Carter observed in a 2005 article written by Mr. Sean Yoes of the Baltimore AFRO American.

Madam Speaker, it was a strong, inspiring and enduring "boost," indeed. This same visionary foundation has inspired Dr. Carter throughout his ministry—both in the mission to proclaim the Gospel to which he had been called and in the "Social Gospel" work of his faith.

This year, Dr. Carter celebrates 45 years as the principal shepherd of Baltimore's New Shiloh Baptist Church.

In his own words, he is above all "a God man," the primary trustee of his congregation's spiritual life.

Yet, at a time when our urban areas are in danger of crumbling under the stress of decades of disinvestment, Dr. Carter and his New Shiloh Congregation also offer the people of Baltimore both hope and a concrete plan for social and economic renewal.

A past leader of Baltimore's chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and the local chapter of the Poor People's Campaign, Dr. Carter has readily acknowledged Dr. King's influence upon his vision for community renewal as an integral element of his New Shiloh ministry.

"I learned from him that we have to take responsibility for our condition, whatever that might be," Dr. Carter once observed. "People

in power do not concede anything to others freely, so we have to equip ourselves and do for ourselves based on the principles of unconditional love."

Aided by the strength and talents of his wonderful wife, the late Dr. Weptanamah Carter, his son and co-Pastor, Dr. Harold A. Carter, Jr., and a dedicated congregation that has grown to number in the thousands, New Shiloh is, indeed, equipping its community to move forward on empowering principles.

Every day, people from the neighborhood can find inspiration and opportunity in its beautiful church and Family Life Center, its School of Music, Theological Center, Child Development Center and other facilities.

These accomplishments of the congregation's "Social Gospel" mission are important aspects of Dr. Carter's vision—but they are far from the end. Already underway are plans for technical training for the community, a Computer Center, a Senior Center and Senior Housing.

Madam Speaker, it is more appropriate, under our constitutional system, for me to leave it to others to commend Dr. Carter for the other wonderful ministers whom he has trained—including my own minister, Bishop Walter S. Thomas, Sr.

Others are better qualified than I to attest to the lasting importance of Dr. Carter's spiritual writings.

However, I have been honored to serve as a spokesman for the Congressional Black Caucus to our nation's faith communities—and, in that duty, I have gained a thorough understanding of "faith-based initiatives" that are working.

A part of what my teacher and friend, Dr. Harold A. Carter, Sr., has taught me is that the inspiration for "faith-based" programs that work cannot be found in a strategy to transfer public responsibility for greater social equity to the faith centers of our country.

Rather, that motivating force must first arise from the hearts and minds of people of faith themselves.

This, I submit, is why Dr. Harold A. Carter, Sr., should stand as an example for all of our citizenry—whatever our respective faith traditions may be.

This, I believe, is what Dr. Carter means when he speaks of how our local communities must undertake greater responsibility for themselves and their neighbors—and how they must equip themselves for opportunity.

Unlike other "mega-churches" that have left the inner cities of our Nation, New Shiloh Baptist Church has followed Dr. Carter's vision for his congregation.

It has constructed its foundation on an unwavering commitment to the people of our urban community.

As we in government seek to construct a new and more comprehensive "national urban policy," we would do well to take note.

Dr. Carter and his congregation have invested millions of dollars in the New Shiloh Village and surrounding community.

"This is where the people are, and this is where the need is," he has observed. "The wave of Maryland's future development—and the nation's—lies in the [inner] cities."

Madam Speaker, for all of these reasons, I have come before you and this House today to commend to our Nation's attention the vision, wisdom and mission of an inspired man.

During his decades of service, Dr. Harold A. Carter, Sr., has earned our Nation's praise for a lasting legacy of principle and faith.

His is a vision that all Americans would do well to pay heed.

ZANE ERIC CLARK

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 26, 2010*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Zane Eric Clark. Zane 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, Troop 87, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Zane has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the decade that Zane 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, Zane has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Zane organized and constructed picnic tables and laid down landscaping tiles for the playground area of First Baptist Church of Cameron, Missouri.

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

CONGRATULATING CORONA DEL SOL'S 2010 WE THE PEOPLE TEAM

**HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 26, 2010*

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the inspiring performance of Corona del Sol High School in this year's national "We the People" competition. I share the pride from around our Congressional District and the state of Arizona that this impressive and hard-working team hails from our community.

After winning the Arizona state title for the second year in a row, Corona del Sol's "We the People" team advanced to compete for the national title in Washington, D.C. In preparation for the national event, the Corona team spent months diligently learning about American political institutions, democracy and examining the contemporary relevance of the Constitution and Bill of Rights. As a high school government teacher for 28 years, I am gratified to see students delve deeper and become passionate about government, citizenship and public service.

Their poise and eloquence in answering the complex questions asked during the national and state competitions demonstrated the team's vast knowledge of constitutional principles and patience.

I am truly privileged to share in the celebration of such an excellent and driven team. Their commitment and perseverance has paid off and should serve as an inspiration for all. I have no doubt that all members of the team will continue to make Arizona proud in their future endeavors.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to congratulate Corona del Sol's "We the People" team:

Achyut Patil, Ajay Raikhelkar, Alex Austin, Brittany Duong, Cecilia Yocham, Connor Rawls, David Choi, Jentry Lanza, Jessica Lin, Joanna Fritsche, Juliana Park, Kevin Thomas, Kibaek Ryu, Louis Spanias, Marlene Garcia-Neuer, Richa Date, Michael Okada, Nafisah Ahmad, Nikhita Pakki, Rizwan Ahmad, Robert Wiley, Roopa Krishnaswamy, Sagar Patwardhan, Samantha Pfotenhauer, Sean Magruder, Selena Kuo, Sherry Zhao, Tiffany Dayton, Tina Cai and Xandy Peterson.

TRIBUTE TO MR. ROLAND KELL ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS GENERAL MANAGER OF CHEVRON'S PASCAGOULA REFINERY

**HON. GENE TAYLOR**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 26, 2010*

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today I would like to pay tribute to Mr. Roland Kell on his retirement with thirty-eight years of service within the oil industry and to his ongoing support of the State of Mississippi.

He began his career at Gulf Oil's Milford Haven Refinery in 1972 filling various roles including technical services, planning and economics and operations supervision, transferring in the late 1970s to Gulf Oil's U.S. operation.

Roland was then assigned to Pembroke Cracking Company, a partnership between Texaco Limited and Gulf Oil (Great Britain) Limited, where he supervised various commissioning activities. This assignment was followed by an appointment as Manager, Operations, Pembroke Cracking Company, prior to joining Texaco as General Manager, Pembroke Cracking Company.

Roland Kell was appointed to his current position, General Manager, Chevron's Pascagoula Refinery, in July 2002. Before coming to Pascagoula, Roland served as the Vice-President of ChevronTexaco's Europe and West Africa manufacturing, supply and trading business. From 1997–2001 he was General Manager of ChevronTexaco's Pembroke Refinery in Wales.

Following the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in 2005, Chevron under Roland's leadership was recognized as one of the driving forces that formed partnerships with the local communities and State to help ensure successful recovery paths. While under his direction, Chevron's Pascagoula Refinery has secured approval and commenced construction of various major expansions that have employed thousands from across the States of Mississippi, Alabama, and Louisiana.

In Jackson County, Roland serves on the board of directors of the Jackson County Economic Development Foundation. He is a member of the Gulf Coast Business Council and the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College District Workforce Council. On the State level, he serves on the State Workforce Investment Board. He also serves on the Industrial Advisory Board for the University of South Alabama College of Engineering.

Roland graduated from Leeds University, UK, in 1972 with an Honours Degree in Chemical Engineering and is a Chartered Engineer and a Member of the Institute of Chemical Engineers.

A native of Great Britain, Roland currently resides in Pascagoula. He has two grown children and enjoys travelling and meeting people of different cultures.

I congratulate Roland on his retirement and thank him for his diligent service to the energy industry, particularly in the great State of Mississippi. May he have many joyous days to pursue his personal hobbies and interests!

COMMEMORATING THE 95TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

**HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 26, 2010*

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, yesterday I had the distinct pleasure of attending a memorial service at St. Gregory the Illuminator Church in Granite City, Illinois, to commemorate the 95th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide. It was a very moving event and I want to thank the parishioners at St. Gregory's for their hospitality, friendship and tremendous contributions to our region. I stand with them in affirming that the Armenian Genocide was genocide, and I continue to support this formal recognition by the United States. I have again cosponsored legislation, H. Res. 252, that would take this step and I urge House leadership to bring it up for consideration this year.

I fully understand the concern that this action brings with it. Despite the clear historical record, the general agreement among genocide scholars and the recognition of this event as genocide by 20 other countries, we continue to be told that our relationship with Turkey will be irrevocably harmed by endorsing this position. I support and appreciate our relationship with Turkey, and am certain it will continue to prosper in the future. Moreover, I believe recognizing the Armenian Genocide will allow the delicate relationship between Armenia and Turkey to grow ultimately stronger. I do not advocate taking this action as a means of discrediting the Turkish people. It is simply recognition that this tragic event occurred, and it honors the fate of the 1.5 million Armenians who died as well as the great resiliency of the Armenian people. Our inaction on this matter lets no one move forward, and sends the message that we will ignore accepted truths for political purposes.

Madam Speaker, there will never be a convenient time to officially recognize the Armenian Genocide. But there is never a wrong time to do the right thing. In this case, the truth will indeed set us free and allow us to grow deeper bonds with Turkey and Armenia, together, in the decades ahead. Let us not wait any longer.

REGARDING H. RES. 1193, H. RES. 1220, H. RES. 1255, AND H. RES. 1287

**HON. ZOE LOFGREN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 26, 2010*

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise along with my colleague Congressman BONNER to provide, pursuant to