

Since the very beginning of her teaching career, Nancy Egbert demonstrated skill, leadership, and a unique ability to positively impact the children fortunate enough to be in her classroom. After graduating from Northern Michigan University in 1967 with a B.S. in education, she established herself as a versatile educator, teaching subjects ranging from journalism and business education at the high school level to reading, math and social studies to elementary school students. In 1984, Nancy Egbert tallied another achievement to her résumé when she obtained a certification in elementary education from Michigan State University.

In 1986 she was hired at St. Gerard's, a Catholic school in Lansing, as a second grade teacher, where she has served since. Her subsequent twenty-five year commitment to molding young minds during their most formative stage is in itself a testimony to her passion and commitment to high-quality religious education. It is in no small part thanks to her hard work that St. Gerard's has won the prestigious Michigan non-public school accrediting association (MNSAA) award for excellence for 2009–2010.

Throughout her time as an educator in Michigan, she has helped shape countless young lives, serving as a role model and leader in religious education. I commend Nancy Egbert on her dedication to education and her students. She is to be applauded for her continuous contribution to the state of Michigan and the lives of our children.

URGING PREVENTION OF ATTACKS AGAINST FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1187, which recognizes Federal employees for their outstanding service to our Nation and stresses the importance of promoting their safety and security while they are at work. H. Res. 1187 is an important measure that raises public awareness in regards to both the excellent work performed by Federal employees and the need to protect them on the job.

I thank Chairman TOWNS for his leadership in bringing this bill to the floor. I also thank the sponsor of this legislation, Congressman MORAN, for recognizing the importance of seeking ways to improve the safety and security of Federal employees.

Federal employees work long hours every day to ensure that Government is working for the American people. In return, we must do what we can to show our appreciation for their service. This includes ensuring their safety while at work. Unfortunately, recent events show that we can do more.

Mr. Speaker, as Chairwoman of the House Committee on Homeland Security's Subcommittee on Emergency, Communications, Preparedness, and Response, I am particularly attuned to the threats facing our Federal employees. Between 2001 and 2008, more than 1,200 attacks have been made on Internal Revenue Service (IRS) buildings. The February 18, 2010 attack on the Austin, Texas

IRS building claimed the life of two-tour Vietnam veteran Vernon Hunter. The March 4, 2010 shooting that injured two Pentagon guards represented the fourth attack or security scare on a Federal building in 2010.

These unfortunate events show that we must adopt a heightened focus on protecting Federal employees and securing Federal workplaces. Additionally, we should also be grateful for the service of the state and local government employees throughout the country and work to ensure that they, too, are safe at work. As the representative of thousands of state and local government employees, I understand the importance of the work they perform to ensure that our states and cities are run fairly and efficiently. We must be dedicated to their workplace safety.

In addition, these attacks should also serve as a reminder of the need to enhance our security efforts not only for government employees, but for all Americans. The areas in and around my district contain multiple infrastructure sites of national importance, such as the Port of Long Beach, the Gerald Desmond Bridge, and the Alameda Corridor. Due to the constant flow of goods through these sites, they are vulnerable to attack and intentional sabotage. We must enhance our national security efforts to ensure that these sites, and the hundreds of others across the country, are secure and that the American people are safe.

Mr. Speaker, we must continue to protect the people who serve us every day. I applaud the Federal employees who dedicate their lives in making sure government is working on behalf of the American people.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H. Res. 1187.

HONORING THE EDUCATIONAL CAREER ACHIEVEMENTS OF THOMAS A. CROW, PH.D.

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Dr. Thomas A. Crow, Chancellor of the State Center Community College District as he prepares to retire after 20 years of dedicated service to the higher education community. Throughout Dr. Crow's time at the State Center Community College District, enrollment has grown to include nearly 40,000 students, facilities have expanded and a strong commitment to the Workforce Development Programs has been forged.

Tom is a San Joaquin Valley native, born in Fresno, California. He is a graduate of California State University, Fresno where he earned his bachelor's and master's Degrees. He attended Arizona State University in Tempe where he was awarded his Doctor of Philosophy in education. In addition, he completed his post-doctoral studies in Kinesiology at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Tom has spent his career with the State Center Community College District working as a selfless public servant. During Dr. Crow's tenure with the State Center Community College District, he has served in a variety of capacities including Vice chancellor and assistant to the Chancellor. Prior to joining the State Center Team, Dr. Crow served as president of

Reedley College for 7 years and as the superintendent for the Fowler Unified School District; both located in the heart of Central California.

Dr. Crow believes in a strong community commitment and has been actively involved in numerous civic and professional organizations including the Rotary Club of Fresno, Fresno Business Council, Fresno County Economic Development Corporation, the Fresno Chamber of Commerce, the Regional Jobs Initiative, Fresno Compact, and the Workforce Investment Board. The leadership that Tom has shown to the community of Fresno has been steadfast during his time of service.

Dr. Tom Crow serves as an outstanding example for those who truly want to make a positive difference for students everywhere. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to rise with me today and join in expressing appreciation for Chancellor Thomas Crow's service to the field of education.

IN RECOGNITION OF LINDA PADILLA MACEDO

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. CARDOZA. Madam Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to honor the late Linda Padilla Macedo. Linda passed away peacefully on April 21, 2010. She is survived by her husband, Dan Macedo; her daughters Rebecca and Stephanie; her parents Joseph and Joanna Padilla; her sister Theresa Soares and brother-in-law Steven Soares; her brother-in-law Don Leatherman; her sister-in-law Nnette Barce-Padilla; her brother-in-law and sister-in-law Pamela and Tom Friedman; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Linda and her husband Dan were partners in the family dairy business, which had been in operation for 65 years until 2007, when Dan and Linda retired to Sonora. She earned her bachelor of arts and masters degrees from Fresno State University. Linda was a founding member and held many offices including president of the Merced Chapter of California Women for Agriculture and went on to become State president of CWA. She served as chairman of the USDA Farm Services Agency State Committee and the Ag Awareness and Literacy Foundation. She also served on the Merced County Farm Bureau Board of Directors, National Dairy Promotion & Research Board, Merced County Agricultural Preservation Strategy Committee, California Department of Conservation Council for the Preservation of Habitat and Natural Resources, County UC Merced Planning and Advisory Committee, American Agri Women and the Common Threads Committee. Linda donated her knowledge, talents and time in support of her daughters as they grew up, serving as a member of the Our Lady of Mercy Boosters Club and project leader for Lancers 4–H.

The volunteer activity closest to her heart was the founding of the Merced County Farmlands and Open Space Trust and the Central Valley Farmland Trust, which she served as the president and on the board of directors. Linda served her community selflessly and through her time and commitment helped to educate the community about the importance

of agriculture and the protection of our farmland.

Madam Speaker, the recognition that I am offering today before the House of Representatives for Linda Padilla Maced is small compared to the contributions and impact she had on the lives of so many. She was truly an invaluable member of our community, an exemplary advocate for agriculture, and an outstanding human being.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DEAN HELLER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. HELLER. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 257 I was unavoidably detained.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

HONORING STEPHEN A. BOUCH OF NAPA COUNTY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Stephen A. Bouch who will be retiring as Court Executive Officer of the Napa Superior Court. Stephen's leadership will be truly missed by his co-workers, the people of Napa County, and the countless of people nationwide that relied on his extensive knowledge of the criminal justice system.

Mr. Bouch began his distinguished career as a jury commissioner/law librarian in the Superior Court of Santa Cruz County in California. He was soon promoted to assistant Superior Court administrator in San Mateo County, California. From there he launched his 4 decade career as the Court Administrator for the Superior Courts of Spokane, Washington and the Superior Court of Monterey County, California. Due to his passion and perseverance, Mr. Bouch became the first non-judge, trial court administrator in Idaho's history. More success followed when he was appointed to the position of deputy administrative director for the State of Alaska court system. He returned to California where he served at the state level working as a special consultant to the state's Judicial Council, Administrative Office of the Courts. In 2001 he was appointed as the Napa Superior Court executive officer.

Mr. Bouch's career and personal contributions are innumerable. As a court administrator in California, he assisted in the design and implementation of a countywide integrated criminal justice system. As the court executive officer he created an award winning public website which provides information on services that local non-profits offer. The website is instrumental for family court litigants and it is available to all Napa County residents. Mr. Bouch also administered domestic and juvenile relations divisions of trial courts in California and Idaho.

Mr. Bouch also spent 6 years working as a senior staff associate for the National Center

for State Courts, where he shared his extensive knowledge with varying sized jurisdictions throughout the United States and abroad. His administrative work was recognized when he received the Toll Fellowship from the National Council of State Governments in Lexington, Kentucky.

Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to recognize Stephen A. Bouch for his many years of service to Napa, California, and to thank him for his many contributions on behalf of our country and his community. I join his wife Jan, and his children, David, Michael and Christopher, and our colleagues in wishing him the best as he enters this new phase of his life.

HONORING MAINE'S SMALL BUSINESS PERSONS OF THE YEAR: TRAPPER CLARK AND THOMAS STURTEVANT

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. MICHAUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Trapper Clark and Thomas Sturtevant, the co-recipients of the 2010 Small Business Association's, SBA, Maine Small Business Persons of the Year Award.

The annual SBA Maine Small Business Person of the Year Award recognizes outstanding entrepreneurs for their contributions to the Nation's economy and for their personal achievements based upon staying power, employee growth, sales increases, current and past financial performance, product or service innovation, response to adversity and contributions to community. Trapper Clark and Thomas Sturtevant, co-owners of the aluminum trailer manufacturing company Alcom in Winslow, Maine, embody the spirit of this award.

On March 1, 2006, Alcom got its start in a small section of an old mill with only a handful of employees. Five years and one recession later, the manufacturers inhabit a seventy-thousand square foot factory, employing eighty workers and serving over two-hundred dealers. As of last month, Alcom was supplying its "mission line" trailers to customers from New England, throughout Canada and as far west as Utah.

Mr. Clark and Mr. Sturtevant have achieved remarkable growth even during these tough economic times. Alcom took on 25 new workers since last October, and Clark and Sturtevant have surpassed their projected sales and growth goals for 2010 inside the first three months of the year. Most impressively, with an ambitious business plan and expected sales of \$44 million and 196 employees in 2013, Alcom has found a way to grow while still keeping their employee base in Maine.

Madam Speaker, Alcom is a remarkable Maine success story. Please join me in honoring Trapper Clark and Thomas Sturtevant for their accomplishments and their dedication to community.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$12,931,157,737,293.42.

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 \$2,292,731,990,999.60 so far this Congress. The debt has increased \$4,372,259,520.42 since just yesterday.

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

SUPPORT OF THE "REMOVAL CLARIFICATION ACT OF 2010"

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the "Removal Clarification Act of 2010." This bipartisan legislation will help protect the Federal Government from interference with its operations.

Under the federal officer removal statute, 28 U.S.C. § 1442(a), "any officer of the United States or of any agency thereof, sued in an official capacity or individual capacity for any act under color of such office" may remove the case to Federal district court. The statute is designed to enable Federal officials to remove a case out of State court and into Federal court.

However, in over forty States, individuals may be deposed and/or required to produce documents despite the fact that they have not yet been sued. Such pre-suit discovery is sometimes used by plaintiffs to confirm that they are suing the proper defendant, identify unknown defendants, or investigate potential claims.

Courts are split on whether the removal statute applies to pre-suit discovery. Today's legislation will make clear that the removal statute applies to all State judicial proceedings in which a legal demand is made for a Federal officer's testimony or documents, including pre-suit discovery. It will also clarify that the Federal officer need not wait until he or she is subject to contempt in order to seek removal.

The ambiguity over whether a Federal officer can invoke the removal statute during pre-suit discovery was presented in a recent case involving Republican EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON, who was the subject of a pre-suit discovery petition. Republican JOHNSON removed the action from State court on the basis of the removal statute. However, the Federal court held that the pre-suit discovery proceeding did not constitute a "civil action or criminal prosecution" for purposes of the statute and remanded the petition to State court. The bill I introduce today would have permitted such removal.

This bill will not alter the well-settled requirement that removal under section 1442(a)(1)