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Also, I want to commend the teacher of the class, Mrs. Gretchen Wulfig, who is responsible for preparing these young constitutional experts for the National Finals. Also worthy of special recognition: Mr. Kathy Hand, the state coordinator, and Mr. Brad Ulrich, the district coordinator, who are responsible for implementing the "We the People" program in the 8th District. I know the "We the People" organization and the students of the 8th District will continue on the path to knowledge and wisdom. Thank you.

HONORING ANDY COULOURIS

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating State Representative Andy Coulouris as he leaves the Michigan Legislature to become the public affairs manager for Dow Corning Corporation in Washington, DC. A farewell event will be held in his honor on May 24 in Saginaw, Michigan.

After graduating from Arthur Hill High School, Andy earned a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Michigan and a law degree from the University of Michigan Law School. Active in public service, Andy served on the Saginaw City Council for 3 years and was an assistant prosecuting attorney for Saginaw County. He was elected to the Michigan House of Representatives for the 95th District. He recently resigned from his second term on April 30.

Andy has worked with the Saginaw County Domestic Assault Response Team, the Bridge Center for Racial Harmony, the Saginaw County Bar Association, the Saginaw Downtown Development Authority, and he is a Vestry Member at St. John's Episcopal Church in Saginaw. Andy and his wife, Natasha, have 2 daughters, Alexandria and Mia.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Andy Coulouris as he starts his new position. I wish him the best as he enters the next phase of his life.

LORD'S RESISTANCE ARMY DISARMAMENT AND NORTHERN UGANDA RECOVERY ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my strong support for S. 1067, the LRA Disarmament and Northern Uganda Recovery Act.

I am grateful for the leadership that has brought this important legislation—which I am

pleased to cosponsor—to the floor and to bring visibility, focus, and renewed attention and resources to what some have called an Invisible Conflict.

For too long, the Lord's Resistance Army, LRA, has been conducting a campaign of violence and terror against the people of northern Uganda which has spread to southern Sudan and parts of the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Central African Republic.

In each of these areas, the LRA is destroying lives and communities. Women and children are particularly targeted by this vicious group and have suffered harsh abuses and atrocities at the hands of the LRA and its ruthless leaders.

Joseph Kony, the man directing this group's atrocious and senseless violence, and two other LRA commanders are wanted for war crimes and crimes against humanity by the International Criminal Court. The ICC indictment lists 33 charges against him including murder, enslavement, sexual enslavement, rape, intentionally directing attacks against civilian population, and the forced enlisting of children into the rebel ranks.

Just last week, media reports indicated that the UN is investigating new allegations of a previously unreported LRA attack in February in a very remote part of the Democratic Republic of Congo that killed over 100 people.

Unfortunately, unless more attention and resources are paid to stopping the LRA, we will probably only continue to hear more similar disheartening and tragic reports in the coming months and weeks.

It is clear that current efforts to apprehend Kony and other LRA leaders are not working and vulnerable civilians in the region continue to pay the price with their lives for that failure. These terrorists must be brought to justice. The international community needs to step up its efforts to rid the affected communities of this threat and help them rebuild and recover. The U.S. can and must play a key role in that effort.

The bill before us today, S. 1067—the LRA Disarmament and Northern Uganda Recovery Act, makes U.S. policy very clear: to work vigorously for a lasting resolution to the conflict in northern and eastern Uganda and other areas terrorized by the LRA and to eliminate the threat posed by the Lord's Resistance Army to civilians using the political, economic, military, and intelligence tools available to our nation in a comprehensive and multilateral effort that will result in greater protection of innocent civilians and lead to the capture of Joseph Kony and other commanders of the LRA.

This bill is the work of exemplary leadership from colleagues from both sides of the aisle including Congressman JIM MCGOVERN who has been a long time champion for ending conflict and promoting peace.

This legislation is also the result of the hard work of thousands of activists across the country—young and old—including from my district as well who want to ensure justice and peace for the many victims of the LRA.

The bill would give the administration a strong mandate to act swiftly and effectively to lead multilateral efforts to protect children and families from LRA attacks and put a permanent end to these atrocities.

It would require the U.S. to create a strategy working with our international allies on a viable plan to protect civilians from LRA attacks, support the capacity of local authorities to main-

tain the rule of law, prevent conflict, and diplomatically engage on a regional basis to address the threat posed by the LRA.

Lastly, it would express support for U.S. efforts and funding to assist the people of Uganda and the Government of Uganda in rebuilding and recovery projects in areas of northern and eastern Uganda heavily affected by fighting with the LRA and authorize humanitarian aid aimed directly at the families and communities that have been and continue to be victimized by the LRA, including the children pressed into service as soldiers by the LRA.

The tremendous suffering caused by the LRA cannot end soon enough. I urge my colleagues to vote yes on this bill.

HONORING PATRICIA DAUGHERTY

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Patricia Daugherty for her dedication to her family and community. Mrs. Daugherty passed away in March 2010 at the age of 83.

Mrs. Patricia Daugherty was born on October 5, 1926, in Santa Monica, California. Upon graduating from high school, she attended the University of California, Berkeley for 2 years, and then completed her elementary education major at the University of California, Santa Barbara. In 1949, she married James Harsh and had two children, Betsy and Jim.

Mrs. Daugherty's teaching career began in Ventura, California and continued in Manhattan Beach, California. Mrs. Daugherty moved to Mariposa, California, where she continued her teaching career. She began at the elementary school teaching the fourth grade and later transferred to Mariposa County High School teaching language arts. She also advised the journalism, yearbook, newspaper, competitive speech, Shakespeare, composition and creative writing classes. During her tenure at the high school, Mrs. Daugherty was also involved with drama, as well as the junior and senior plays. She was the first pep club advisor and later served as the senior class advisor.

In 1974, Mrs. Daugherty retired. She and her second husband, Sid Daugherty, moved to Joseph, Oregon. In 1976 they built a house on San Juan Island, where they lived until 1980, when Mr. Daugherty's business took them to Port Townsend, Washington. In 1982, they moved to Santa Barbara, where they remained for the next 10 years. In 1992, Mr. and Mrs. Daugherty returned to San Juan Island for a few years, until Mr. Daugherty's health declined and they moved to Yuba City, California. Mr. Daugherty passed away on October 1, 1999.

Mrs. Daugherty returned to Mariposa in June 2001. She enjoyed visiting with her former students and colleagues and spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mrs. Daugherty is survived by her son Jim, his wife Jan and grandsons Jeff and Dillon; her daughter Betsy and her husband John Montoya; her granddaughter Shannon and her husband Joe Marcus; great granddaughters Sydney, Jordan and Delany; her sisters Trudy Allison and

Phyllis Coolures; her stepchildren Jeanette Daugherty, Pat Perez, Sam Daugherty and their children and grandchildren, as well as her many nieces and nephews.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to posthumously honor Patricia Daugherty. I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring her life and wishing the best for her family.

HOPE CLINIC FOR WOMEN

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, life is precious. While some vote, some pray, many others put all their efforts to their beliefs and work to offer women alternative choices to abortion. I am proud to join with organizations like the Hope Clinic for Women as they stand with women throughout Middle Tennessee. I especially congratulate Bob and Janie Yeager as they are honored tonight for their long-standing commitment to the Hope Clinic for Women, at the Hope for the Future Gala.

Rejoicing over birth, saddened through miscarriage, burdened by abortion, or excited for adoption, women facing these crucial moments in life find quality assistance and loving guidance at the Hope Clinic. For 26 years, the Hope Clinic has been a place, regardless of social standing, ability to pay, or religious affiliation, for women to receive free pregnancy tests, counseling, free ultrasounds, and medical care. Staff and volunteers don't simply stop with the health and wellbeing of the mother, they step in to provide formula, diapers, clothing, cribs, and strollers to the very least among us. Seeking to advocate total health for women struggling with Post Partum Depression, a partnership with St. Thomas Health Services began in 2008 as well.

With open doors and open hearts, the Hope Clinic is also a trusted voice, equipping Middle Tennessee's youth with information about abstinence, healthy life choices, and counseling programs.

Whether it's a safe place to call "home" for a woman carrying her child, or a sound clinic offering personal medical services regardless of ability to pay, the Hope Clinic for Women serves onsite over 2,000 clients each year, and reaches thousands more in the Middle Tennessee area. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking the Hope Clinic for Women, and those who continue to support such worthy efforts, for protecting life through every stage.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I missed the following recorded votes on the House floor on Thursday, February 4, 2010. I apologize for the delay in submitting this statement.

For Thursday, February 4, 2010, had I been present I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 39 (on agreeing to the Halvorson

amendment to H.R. 4061), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 40 (on agreeing to the Kilroy amendment to H.R. 4061), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 41 (on agreeing to the Kissell amendment to H.R. 4061), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 42 (on agreeing to the Owens amendment to H.R. 4061), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 43 (on passage of H.R. 4061).

HONORING COUNCILMAN N. JOHN AMATO FOR HIS RECORD YEARS IN PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the longest serving councilperson in Cherry Hill Township, Councilman N. John Amato, for his 27 years in public service. Councilman Amato has demonstrated significant leadership and dedication to his community, and for this he deserves great praise.

Councilman Amato is a graduate of Rutgers University and holds a Masters degree from Kean College. He moved to the Erlton neighborhood in Cherry Hill in 1963 where he has resided ever since. He was first elected in 1983 and continues to serve Cherry Hill Township. In addition, as a licensed public accountant, Councilman Amato is an administrator for Rutgers University's LEAP Academy, a magnet school serving the City of Camden, New Jersey.

The Councilman devotes his time and effort to his community in many different ways. He is a Eucharistic minister and lector at the Queen of Heaven Roman Catholic Church and also serves on the board of the Young Adolescent Learning Environment School for children with special needs. He is active in the Sons of Italy and is former Board President of the Camden County Vocational Schools.

Councilman Amato and his wife, Marion, have two daughters, Rosemary and Irena, and two grandchildren, Michael and Francesca. He is famous for playing Santa Claus at Christmastime for charitable organizations and the Cherry Hill Mall.

Madam Speaker, Councilman Amato's contributions to his field and to the state of New Jersey should not go unrecognized. I want to personally thank the Councilman for the exceptional leadership he has provided and the impact he has made in Cherry Hill. I congratulate Councilman Amato on his accomplishments and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

HONORING THE SERVICE MEMBERS OF THE 101ST AIRBORNE (AIR ASSAULT) AS THEY DEPART FOR AFGHANISTAN

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

Mr. WHITFIELD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service and sacrifice of the brave men and women stationed at Fort Campbell who I have the distinct privilege to represent in Congress.

Later this week, soldiers from the 101st Airborne, Air Assault will be deploying yet again to Afghanistan to help defeat extremism in a nation not yet completely safe from those who prey on freedom. For many of these courageous Americans, this will be their 4th or 5th tour to either Iraq or Afghanistan.

There is no doubt that these frequent deployments have taken a serious toll on military families. However, when I had the opportunity to visit with the soldiers readying for deployment, they looked at that fact as just an example of the supreme confidence that our military leaders have in their ability to accomplish our mission as efficiently and effectively as possible. I, for one, could not agree more.

In a very short period of time, our country will be marking the 10th anniversary of the September 11th terrorist attacks. And along with that, we recognize the decade-long commitment from our service members and their families to prosecute the Global War on Terror and bring peace and stability to a war-torn region of the world.

Madam Speaker, I hope that every member of this body will keep the soldiers of the 101st Airborne, as well as all of the members of the Armed Forces, in their thoughts and prayers as they continue to keep our country safe and secure.

May God bless and watch over our Nation's finest and their families, and may He continue to bless the United States of America.

HONORING MABEL ROWNEY

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mabel "Gay" Rowney for her dedication to her family and community. Mrs. Rowney passed away on April 23, 2010 at the age of 92.

Mrs. Mabel Rowney was born on August 20, 1917 in Elk River, Idaho. At a young age she met and married Harold Rowney, and together they had eight children. She filled the role of mother and organizer of the family very well. She was a talented musician and taught generations of Mariposa children to play the piano. For over 30 years, Mrs. Rowney served as the organist of Saint Joseph's Church. She sang in various community choirs, performed for many years in the Mariposa Chamber Group and was the pianist for a number of Lion's Follies. Mrs. Rowney was especially well known for her baked goods. The children that went to her house for piano lessons always looked forward to warm, fresh cookies and the smell of homemade bread.

Mrs. Rowney was preceded in death by her husband, Harold. She is survived by her children Beejee Allan, Veronica Gross, Christopher Rowney, Jill Rowney, Teresa Dulberg, Roscoe Rowney, Mark Rowney and Lisa Rowney; sixteen grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to posthumously honor Mabel Rowney. I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring her life and wishing the best for her family.