

In addition, I support the creation of a \$23 billion Education Jobs Fund. Without this injection of federal funding, hundreds of thousands of teachers across the country will be laid off, resulting in increased class sizes and reduced quality of education. This job-saving provision was incorporated in two bills I supported: the Jobs for Main Street Act, H.R. 2847, which passed the House last December, and the Local Jobs for America Act, H.R. 4812, still pending in the House. I join many of my colleagues in urging the Senate to include this fund in their next jobs package.

Each one of us has had a teacher who made a difference in our lives. I am honored to commemorate this valuable core of our community. I am also pleased to join students and teachers at Maxfield Elementary in St. Paul Public School District 625 and all Minnesotans in congratulating 6th grade teacher Ryan Vernosh as the 2010 Minnesota Teacher of the Year. This recognition is a reflection of his commitment and dedication to making a positive impact on students' academic success in his classroom. Mr. Vernosh is one of our finest teachers and is deserving of this honor.

For these reasons, I urge my colleagues to thank the teachers who have made differences in their lives and honor them by supporting H. Res. 1312.

IN HONOR OF TIMOTHY E. RYAN

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, as a representative of the nearly 66,000 veterans in my district, I rise today to recognize the men and women who have selflessly sacrificed their lives to serve our country. On May 28, 2010, the Ocean County Veterans Memorial Association will conduct a wreath laying ceremony to honor all deceased veterans.

I would further like to recognize the host of the memorial service, Mr. Timothy E. Ryan, for the extraordinary contributions that he has done for the local veterans of Ocean County.

Mr. Ryan is a charter member of the Ocean County Deceased Veterans Memorial Association and a longtime sponsor of the annual wreath laying memorial service. He has been named 'Outstanding Citizen of the Year' by local VFW groups, and has been awarded several high honors by the Jersey Shore Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He serves as Director of Timothy E. Ryan Home for Funerals, the largest family-owned firm in New Jersey.

The 14th Annual Veterans Wreath Laying Ceremony and Memorial Service honoring the deceased veterans of Ocean County will occur on May 28, 2010 at the Ocean County Library. In recognition of his outstanding contributions and service to our veteran community, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Timothy E. Ryan.

HONORING MR. DAVID PRINCE

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the years of service given to the people of Chautauqua County by Mr. David Prince. Mr. Prince served his constituency faithfully and justly during his tenure as the Village Justice in the Village of Fredonia.

Public service is a difficult and fulfilling career. Any person with a dream may enter but only a few are able to reach the end. Mr. Prince served his term with his head held high and a smile on his face the entire way. I have no doubt that his kind demeanor left a lasting impression on the people of Chautauqua County.

We are truly blessed to have such strong individuals with a desire to make this county the wonderful place that we all know it can be. Mr. Prince is one of those people and that is why, Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to him today.

CONGRATULATING LINDA GRANT

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to congratulate Linda Grant for being named the 2010 Direct Support Professional (DSP) of the Year for Louisiana. The American Network of Community Options and Resources (ANCOR) recently honored Linda with this wonderful recognition.

As a DSP, Linda works to support people with disabilities through community-based services that promote independence and inclusion for individuals with intellectual, behavior and other disabilities. This award is testament that Linda is a true leader for her work assisting those with disabilities to live meaningful and productive lives.

She is an example of how one person can change the lives of many, and I commend Linda for her hard work and dedication to making a positive difference in the community. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Linda Grant for this significant achievement.

A TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH W. COTCHETT ON THE OCCASION OF NOTRE DAME DE NAMUR UNIVERSITY'S 2010 COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD GALA

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, it can be said that the word extraordinary has become too commonplace a term used in all-too-ordinary circumstances.

I rise today in appreciation of a man who fully embodies that word, a truly extraordinary man—Joseph W. Cotchett.

He is a man of passion and great intellect, a man of incredible attention to detail, a broad, sweeping embrace for all life has to offer, and a serious man capable of great joy. He has a thirst for fairness, a passion for justice and an unquenchable desire to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves.

On the evening of May 22, 2010, Joe is being honored with the Notre Dame de Namur University 2010 Community Spirit Award. The event is sold out and will be attended by friends, colleagues and admirers, each with a story about Joe standing at their side in a time of need. Similarly, the Honorary Gala Committee is more than 150 names long and represents every profession and every walk of life that Joe has touched—labor, sports, finance, entertainment, the environment, politics . . . including the Speaker of the House, and, of course, his beloved profession of the law.

Joe embodies the finest values of our great nation. With an abiding love for his country, Joe served in the U.S. Army in the Intelligence Corps, the Judge Advocate General's Corps, and as a paratrooper in Special Forces. After active duty, he remained in the Army Reserve for more than 30 years, retiring as a Colonel.

His generosity is legendary . . . whether making a major gift to his alma mater, California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo, where he received a degree in Engineering, or the University of California Hastings College of the Law, where he received his law degree. He gives everywhere and to everyone and in countless ways—rebuilding a landmark grocery store in Half Moon Bay, buying a table at the annual fundraising events of dozens of local nonprofits, or serving as a board member to dozens of others.

Then there is Joe Cotchett, the lawyer. He has been named one of our nation's pre-eminent trial lawyers for more than a decade, winning every recognition in his profession. He has won judgment after judgment—totaling billions of dollars—on behalf of investors defrauded by modern-day robber barons.

Often donating the time and resources of his talented law firm, Joe has defended the First Amendment against corporate bullying, defended citizens against the oppressive hand of government, brought suit on behalf of the dispossessed children of American servicemen in the Philippines and defended the judicial system against Wall Street.

Wherever power is abused, greed runs rampant or injustice flourishes, Joe is there to stand up and to bring to account those who would twist the American system to their own ends.

Remarkably, after decades of fighting the good fight, he has not grown weary.

He has not lost his capacity to get angry.

For all this, he is a man of old-fashioned values . . . carry your own weight, pay your own way, tend to your family and your friends. He has an unending pride in his five children and six grandchildren, who he organizes as if they, too, served in the Armed Forces.

And he does all these things with an endearing quirkiness that can take the form of worrying whether all the chairs in the conference room are facing in the right direction or eliminating every speck of dust around.

Joe is tender and kind. He honors each of us with his presence and does so in a way that makes us feel special when we are blessed to be with him.

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me and the community

of friends who will gather in an expression of appreciation for Joseph W. Cotchett—a lion of the courtroom, a lover of life, a benefactor, a patriot and a great American.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF BETHLEHEM MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the congregation of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church of Bay Minette, Alabama upon the occasion of their 100th Anniversary which they celebrate this week.

Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church was founded in 1910, when a group of concerned Christians realized a need to fellowship in a church of their own, rather than having to travel to a neighboring community. The name of Bethlehem Baptist was adopted and Reverend Issac Jones was named the first pastor.

Initially, before they had a building, the congregation met under a brush arbor and in the homes of various members.

Over the last century, the faithful congregation of Bethlehem Baptist encountered many trials and tribulations, including a fire that destroyed their first building, yet they never lost their faith or their love for their church. Their present sanctuary was built in 1963 and has been enhanced over the following 47 years, adding on an annex, two classrooms and an office complex.

In August of 2000, the Bethlehem Missionary Baptist congregation was the proud host of the Eastern Shore Baptist Convention.

I wish to extend my congratulations to Pastor Jimmy Price, and all the congregation of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church as they proudly celebrate their 100th year, and I wish them every success as they look to a future of continued service to the Lord and their community.

CLEARWATER COAST GUARD AUXILIARY FLOTILLA CELEBRATES ITS 60TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary was established by Congress in June 1939 to support the Coast Guard with its boat safety mission. This June, the Clearwater Chapter, Flotilla 11-1, celebrates its 60th anniversary of service to the boating public throughout the Tampa Bay area.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary and Flotilla 11-1 provide invaluable support to the active duty Coast Guard through a variety of non-law enforcement programs. These include search and rescue missions, marine environmental patrols, youth programs, public education and safety patrols. As the Coast Guard's homeland and national security responsibilities continue to expand, the men and women of the auxiliary have stepped up to increase their part se-

curity patrols to provide for the defense of our nation's and in our case Florida's coastline and waterways.

Clearwater Flotilla 11-1's service to the Clearwater area actually predates the Coast Guard's presence in the city. Today, though, the auxiliary provides direct and continuing support to Coast Guard Air Station Clearwater and to Coast Guard Station Sand Key. Their missions include search and rescue "call outs", back up marine radio coverage and near shore patrols as part of the America's Waterway Watch Program. Last year alone, the Flotilla conducted more than 300 vessel safety checks, made 130 visits to recreational boating programs and conducted 11 boating safety classes. In addition to supporting the Coast Guard on the water, the Flotilla also supports the Coast Guard from the air. Its three aircraft flew 250 sorties last year totaling more than 1,000 hours and included 24 separate search and rescue cases.

Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that Flotilla 11-1 will join together this Saturday in Clearwater to celebrate its history and for the community to come together to thank the men and women of the auxiliary for their selfless volunteer service to our area.

Flotilla 11-1 operates under the leadership of Commander Jim Rudolph and Vice Commander Jerry Osburn. With their breadth of responsibilities, the Flotilla draws upon many, many dedicated officers and volunteers with specific expertise in a large number of areas. The auxiliary's officers include: Barbara Masson, communications; Val Lewis, communications services; Debbie Mallory, finance; Kimberly Clark, information systems; Teresa Kasper, materials; John Caddigan, marine safety and environmental protection; Karen Miller, member training and publications; Harry Bickford, navigation services; Don Smith, operations; Jeff Lawlor, public affairs; Ann Bennett, public education and program visits; Peter Palmieri, personnel services; Scott Signorini, secretary and records; and Dale Folsom, vessel examinations.

It is my hope that my colleagues will join me in thanking the men and women of Clearwater Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 11-1 for their 60 years of service to our community and for a job well done.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. GRAYSON. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 273, 274 and 275, I would have voted "yes" if I had been present. I missed the votes because of a long flight delay caused by the weather. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR SHORT LINE RAILROADS

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my support for the extension

of the Section 45G Short Line Railroad Tax Credit, which expired on December 31, 2009.

As a senior member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, I appreciate the economic benefits a strong, reliable rail network provides our economy. Rail has kept our economy connected and competitive for decades and is critical to driving our economic recovery.

Key to the rail network are short line railroads, which keep 13,000 small and rural rail customers connected to the main line railroad network and the global economy. However, short line railroads must invest heavily in repairing and maintaining track, more than any other segment of the rail industry. To address this, Congress enacted the Section 45G short line railroad tax credit, which encourages short line railroads to invest in critical track maintenance. These improvements are necessary to improve the efficiency of our national rail network and keep our economy moving. This tax credit expired on December 31, 2009.

Without an extension of this tax credit, short line railroads are unable to initiate long-term plans, and have halted much needed infrastructure projects across the country—projects that create good-paying jobs on and off the tracks. The Section 45G credit generates approximately 3,305 full-time jobs annually and supports tens of thousands of jobs in America's steel and timber industries that make railroad ties or steel rail.

Madam Speaker, it makes economic sense to provide certainty to this industry and extend this tax credit. Short line railroads are too important to our economy. As a cosponsor of H.R. 1132, legislation to extend the credit through 2012, I urge swift action on extending the Section 45G short line railroad tax credit and urge my colleagues to support it.

HONORING JANET DAVIS

HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Janet Davis, president and CEO of the TIC Federal Credit Union, who is the recipient of the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award from the Georgia Credit Union Affiliates.

As one news report put it, it takes five pages to list what Janet Davis has done for the Columbus area and her profession. Therefore, it should come as no surprise that she's the youngest recipient in the history of the award.

Janet has served as president and CEO for 18 years. Her leadership has brought tremendous growth and success to the credit union—including an increase of \$152 million in assets during her tenure. In fact, TIC is currently the ninth largest credit union in the state. This is a real testament to her dedication and ability.

Janet's own words perfectly sum up what she believes is her greatest accomplishment—giving back to her community. Janet said she "takes joy in helping to create a workforce that is in tune with the community and its needs."

Fortunately, giving back to the community doesn't stop at the end of her work day. For Janet, her talents touch many organizations and individuals. She has provided leadership