

rules and agree to H.R. 4098, “aye” on rollcall vote No. 184, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 1879, “no” on rollcall vote No. 185, on motion to table the appeal of the ruling of the chair, “no” on rollcall vote No. 186, on passage of H.R. 4899.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$12,984,666,665,110.57.

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 \$2,346,240,918,816.77 so far this Congress.

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

HONORING ASIAN PACIFIC
AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate May as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

One hundred sixty-seven years ago this May, the first Japanese immigrants arrived in the United States in search of a promise of freedom and in pursuit of their own American dreams. Since that time, Asian Pacific Americans have contributed to the unique fabric of American culture in countless ways, becoming leaders in business, government, arts, and entertainment. It is entirely fitting that we have chosen May to commemorate these significant contributions, and to honor the 15.2 million Asian Pacific Americans who continue the legacy that their ancestors began in the 1840s.

During the past several decades, Congress has recognized the importance of the Asian Pacific American community to our nation's history. In 1977, Representatives Frank Horton and Norman Mineta introduced legislation to establish the first ten days of May as Asian Pacific American Heritage Week. After similar legislation was introduced and passed in the Senate, President Jimmy Carter signed into law a joint resolution to establish this annual commemoration. Later, in 1990, we celebrated the first Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. Since that time, May has officially become a yearly tribute to the Asian Pacific American community.

While it is important that we continue recognizing these important dates—which have raised awareness of the many critical contributions of the Asian Pacific American community—we must also look to the work being done each day to make certain that the interests of Asian Pacific Americans are being considered. Members of the House of Representatives and the Senate consistently honor the

heritage of this important community. The Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus—known as CAPAC—advocates for all Asian Pacific Americans, working to ensure their voices are heard at the federal level. Additionally, the Presidential Cabinet includes three Asian American dignitaries: Energy Secretary Steven Chu, Commerce Secretary Gary Locke and Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki.

Building on this active involvement of Asian Pacific Americans in the workings of our national government, President Obama has also stepped up his own efforts to restore the broad mission of the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. This vital initiative—which I helped to establish while serving in the administration of President Bill Clinton—has been successful in increasing the participation of Asian Pacific Americans in federal programs. By doing so, the Initiative has helped make dramatic improvements in the quality of life of underserved Asian Pacific Americans.

Madam Speaker, in recognizing the countless contributions Asian Pacific Americans have made to our nation and to our history, I join my colleagues this May in celebrating Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE I.C.
NORCOM BOYS' BASKETBALL
TEAM

HON. ROBERT C. “BOBBY” SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise with great pride to call attention to a group of young students who have distinguished themselves, their school, their community, and the city of Portsmouth, Virginia.

The I.C. Norcom Greyhounds boys' basketball team had a remarkable season and I believe the Greyhounds deserve formal recognition for their accomplishments. On March 12, 2010, the I.C. Norcom Greyhounds won the Group AAA boys' state basketball championship. The Greyhounds completed their 2010 season with an impressive 25–4 record.

I.C. Norcom won the championship in memorable fashion. Down ten points with 7:48 left in the game, the team rallied back to trail 54–53 with a minute left to play. A buzzer-beating shot by Shelton Haskins with 1.5 seconds left sealed the 55–54 victory over a previously unbeaten team from Petersburg High School.

I.C. Norcom made history throughout the tournament. They were the first Portsmouth team to ever reach a semifinal game. In a similar comeback victory against Chantilly High, Norcom advanced to the AAA Championship, again the first team from Portsmouth to do so. The win gives the school and the city of Portsmouth its first Group AAA state basketball title.

I.C. Norcom was founded in 1913 as the High Street School, the first public high school for black students in Portsmouth. It was renamed in 1953 in honor of its first supervising principal, Israel Charles Norcom, a pioneering educator, civic leader and businessman. Now, more than 50 years and three locations later, I.C. Norcom High School is still an innovating and inspiring place for Portsmouth students.

In addition to excelling on the basketball court, the Greyhounds are also doing great things in the classroom. I.C. Norcom houses a Center of Excellence in Math and Science, which provides students with additional classes in science, math, and technology. Fifty seniors this year will be receiving their Center of Excellence Diplomas which require five science course credits, one more than required under the advanced diploma. In addition 23 I.C. Norcom seniors have been participating in the First College program—attending Tidewater Community College this semester and taking up to 14 college credits before they graduate. I.C. Norcom is doing a great job cultivating excellence both on and off the athletic field.

I would like to extend my enthusiastic congratulations to the I.C. Norcom players, their families, principal Lynn Briley, coach Leon Goolsby and the rest of his coaching staff, on the occasion of this historic Boy's basketball championship. On behalf of the people of the Third Congressional district of Virginia, I.C. Norcom alumni, and the entire city of Portsmouth, I commend them for this historic win and wish the program years of success in the future.

HONORING DR. THOMAS CROW

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Thomas Crow upon his retirement as the Chancellor of State Center Community College District (SCCCD). After serving over 20 years with the college district, Dr. Crow will be honored by the State Center Community College District Board of Trustees and Foundation Board of Directors on Friday, May 7, 2010.

Dr. Thomas Crow earned a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Master of Arts degree in Physical Education from California State University, Fresno. Later, he attended Arizona State University, where he earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Education. Dr. Crow has a long history in education which includes a broad spectrum of experience in kindergarten through twelfth grade; including his service as Superintendent of Fowler Unified School District.

Prior to his appointment as Chancellor, Dr. Crow served as President of Reedley College for 7 years. While with SCCC he also served as Vice Chancellor, External Operations and Assistant to the Chancellor.

Outside of SCCC, Dr. Crow is active in the community. He is the past president of the Reedley Rotary Club. He is also an active member of the Fresno Business Council, Fresno County Economic Development Corporation, the Greater Fresno Area Chamber of Commerce, The Regional Jobs Initiative, Fresno Compact and the Workforce Investment Board.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Dr. Thomas Crow upon his retirement from the State Center Community College District. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Dr. Crow many years of continued success.

**CROWN POINT BULLDOGS 8 AND
UNDER GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM**

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

STATE OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to pay tribute to the exceptional achievements of the 2009 Crown Point Bulldogs 8 and Under Girls Softball Team. This truly remarkable softball team accomplished extraordinary feats during their undefeated season. For their great ability and skill, as well as their tremendous dedication and hard work, these outstanding young athletes are to be congratulated.

On July 12, 2009, the Crown Point Bulldogs 8 and Under Girls Softball team won the National Softball Association's Indiana State Championship. They went undefeated with a record of 4–0 in the tournament. The team then went on to win the National Softball Association World Series, with a record of 5–1. This victory marked the first World Series Championship in Crown Point history.

The people of Crown Point as well as the community of Northwest Indiana can be proud of this successful and talented softball team. The team consists of: Maggie Ballentine, Kari Bauner, Hannah Bond, Madelyn Elish, Gracie Frazier, Skylar Hekkel, Hailey Herbert, Brooke Manhattan, Mallory McMahon, Caitlyn Phillips, Emma Van Prooyen, and Megan Van Prooyen.

Madam Speaker, I would like to once again extend my most heartfelt congratulations to the members of the 2009 Crown Point Bulldogs 8 and Under Girls Softball Team, as well as head coach Kevin Frazier, assistant coaches Mike Manhattan, Shawn Ballentine, and Matt McMahon, and all of the community, including parents and caregivers, who have instilled in this team the desire to succeed, as well as the great value and discipline found in sports activities. I look forward to watching their future athletic achievements as they continue to rise to the top.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DONALD A. MANZULLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. MANZULLO. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, May 18, 2010, I missed a series of votes because I was not feeling well. If I had been here, I would have voted "no" on rollcall No. 273, "yea" on rollcall No. 274, and "yea" on rollcall No. 275.

**INVESTIGATE ALLEGED WAR
CRIMES IN SRI LANKA**

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, May 19 commemorates the one-year anniversary of the end of the war and the remembrance of the many lives lost during the civil war in Sri

Lanka. I call on the international community to pursue independent investigations into the alleged war crimes that occurred. The U.S. would not be alone in calling for these investigations. The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and the European Union have already called for independent investigations. Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch and other NGOs have called for similar investigations of war crimes, crimes against humanity and human rights violations. The alleged crimes include:

- Extrajudicial abuse and detention of unarmed civilians and former combatants;
- use of child soldiers;
- harm to civilians and civilian objects;
- the killing of captives or combatants seeking to surrender;
- individual disappearances; and
- inhumane conditions.

All parties complicit in violating human rights must be held accountable. Only then can the Sri Lankan people really move forward in trying to achieve peace and stability on the island.

**CONGRATULATING OUTSTANDING
HIGH SCHOOL ARTISTS OF NEW
JERSEY'S 9TH CONGRESSIONAL
DISTRICT**

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, once again, I come to the floor to recognize the great success of strong local schools working with dedicated parents and teachers. I rise today to congratulate and honor a number of outstanding high school artists from the 11th Congressional District of New Jersey. Each of these talented students participated in the 2010 Congressional Arts competition, "An Artistic Discovery." Their works of art are exceptional.

Sixty-one students participated. That is a wonderful response, and I would very much like to build on that participation for future competitions.

Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate the three winners of our art competition. First Place was awarded to Christina Eng from Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child for her work, "Capitol Building in Winter." Second Place was awarded to Austin Dimare from Parsippany Christian School for his work, "Italiano Donna." Third Place was awarded to Elizabeth Frino from Pequannock Township High School for her work, "Rock Star".

I would like to recognize each artist for their participation by indicating their high school, their name, and the title of their contest entry for the official record:

Boonton High School: Zenab Kahn's "Faiza"; Joseph Park's "Self Portrait with Friends"; Nicole van de Vliet's "Out of Africa"; Arielle Winters' "Meow".

Bridgewater Raritan Regional High School: MingZhu Hai's "Self Portrait as a Child"; Dana Li's "Guitar Playing"; Amanda Wong's "Friends".

Chatham High School: Hannah Drossman's "Giverny"; Ria Iizuka's "Aries After 8th Period: Reduced to Mathematical Component"; David Daniel Melgar's "Lust".

Hopatcong High School: Kristen Fahy's "Chroma Lily".

Livingston High School: Jennifer Brodsky's "A City in the Sun"; Amy Friedman's "Walking into the Shadows"; Sarah Tse's "Utilities"; Mark Zlotzky's "A Frickin' Tree!".

Madison High School: Rachel Fico's "Mixer"; Vandela Larsson's "Glow"; Stephanie Riveros' "Deadlock"; Bailey Theado's "Kavala Village".

Millburn High School: Chanthia Ma's "Self Portrait"; Sona Roy's "Green-eyed"; Dana Serruto's "Movie Time"; Jordan Scharf's "Chair in a Field of Roses".

Montville High School: Allison Au's "Caribbean Still Life"; Victoria Eng's "Light"; Michael Johnston's "Short Sighted"; Micah Schure's "Trombone".

Morris Catholic High School: Josh Gilardi's "Empire State of Mind"; Liz McCormick's "Christmas in the City".

Morris Knolls High School: Jennifer Hastings' "The Lake Monster"; Meredith McCabe's "A Safe Place to Hide"; Rebecca Syracuse's "Fear of Intimacy"; Irina Walter's "Hero of War".

Morristown High School: Demetria Jorge's "Sunset Salute".

Morristown-Beard School: Ashley Young's "Anor Hinge".

Mount Olive High School: Daniel Gillette's "Stripping Down the Media"; Vanessa Lorenzo's "Ghosts of Chernobyl".

Oak Knoll School: Christina Eng's "Capitol Building in Winter"; Gioia Topazio's "Leaves".

Parsippany Christian School: Sydney Dahl's "Insecurity"; Austin Dimare's "Italiano Donna"; Lexie Reilly's "I Love You".

Parsippany High School: Ashley Del Rio's "Murano Glass"; Brittany Ann Serrao's "Untitled".

Pequannock Township High School: Kristin Brian's "Scale"; Elizabeth Frino's "Rock Star".

Ridge High School: Lillian Chen's "No Treasure After All"; Edward Kowalewski's "Helix"; Mary Petras' "Peace"; Howard Wei's "Guardian of the Trolls Lair".

Roxbury High School: Sam Knopka's "Self Portrait"; Nick Griffin's "Free Your Mind"; Alessandra Varillas' "Innocent Soldiers"; Ruth Vega's "Plastic Beauty".

Seton Hall Preparatory School: Dylan Hughes' "Students in Blue"; Charles Kohaut's "Eye".

Watchung Hills High School: Sofia Lizza's "Spoons"; Lisa Monetti's "Clouds Are Shrouding in Moments Unforgettable"; Alex Nahorniak's "Untitled"; Carolyn Thornton's "Maggie".

West Morris Central High School: Courtney Dietsche's "Fish of Fantasy: Nightly Wanderers".

Each year the winner of the competition has their art work displayed with other winners from across the country in a special corridor here at the U.S. Capitol. Thousands of our fellow Americans walk through the exhibition and are reminded of the vast talents of our young men and women. Indeed, all of these young artists are winners, and we should be proud of their achievements so early in life.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating these talented young people from New Jersey's 11th Congressional District.