

For Wednesday, May 19, 2010, had I been present I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 276 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 1514), "no" on rollcall vote No. 277 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 5325), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 278 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1325), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 279 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1362), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 280 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 5099), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 281 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 403), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 282 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1292), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 283 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1364).

For Thursday, May 20, 2010, had I been present I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 284 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 5327), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 285 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1256), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 286 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1336), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 287 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1361), "no" on rollcall vote No. 288 (on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 1363), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 289 (on agreeing to H. Res. 1363), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 290 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 5128).

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
THE GREATER CLEVELAND
PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL SOCIETY 25TH ANNUAL POLICE MEMORIAL COMMEMORATION

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Society upon the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Police Memorial Commemoration. Today, we remember the men and women in blue who have made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of the citizens of our community.

In 1985, a group of police officers gathered after the funeral of a fellow officer killed in the line of duty. They discussed forming a union of officers, family members and citizens, and together they formed the Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Society. The mission of the Society is to honor those peace officers who have sacrificed their lives to protect others in the Greater Cleveland area. The Society adopted the motto: "In Honore Casorum," Latin for "Honor Our Fallen."

The Peace Officers Memorial Society provides support and assistance to the family members of officers who have died in the line of duty. They also provide support and assistance to police officers injured in the line of duty and work in tandem with law enforcement agencies and leaders with the planning and implementation of Line of Duty funerals. They also establish scholarship funds and work on strengthening police-community relations and community outreach initiatives.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognition of the Greater Cleveland

Peace Officers Memorial Society as they continue their mission to honor the fallen, support the families of slain officers, and strengthen and promote bonds between police and community. We must recognize and remember every peace officer who has made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. Their selfless service and sacrifice, and the great sacrifice of their families, will not be forgotten.

HONORING BISHOP WILLIAM L. SHEALS

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker: Whereas, Bishop William L. Sheals is celebrating 30 years in pastoral leadership this year and has provided stellar leadership to his church on an international level; and

Whereas, Bishop William L. Sheals, under the guidance of God, has pioneered and sustained Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church, as an instrument in our community that uplifts the spiritual, physical and mental welfare of our citizens; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious man of God has given hope to the hopeless, fed the hungry and is a beacon of light to those in need; and

Whereas, Bishop William L. Sheals is a spiritual warrior, a man of compassion, a fearless leader and a servant to all, but most of all a visionary who has shared not only with his Church, but with our district and the world his passion to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Bishop William L. Sheals as he celebrates 30 years in pastoral leadership;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim May 16, 2010, as Bishop William L. Sheals Day in the Fourth Congressional District.

REITERATING THIS CONGRESS'S COMMITMENT TO AMERICA'S SENIORS

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, Democrats have an unassailable record when it comes to protecting the rights of seniors, and I rise today to thank all of my fellow Seniors Task Force Members for their continued commitment to America's seniors.

As the party that consistently fights efforts to dismantle Social Security and Medicare, we understand that many older Americans depend on these federal programs just to make ends meet. These parts of the social safety net constitute a right of all seniors to meet their needs for financial security and high quality, affordable health care.

The current Medicare system already delivers the best care in the world and it is strengthened by provisions in the health-care

bill that was recently signed into law. Our bill fulfills this right to affordable medicines by beginning to close the "donut hole," a process which is starting this year. The right to quality, affordable health care also means helping seniors avoid getting sick—our bill makes preventive care free for Medicare beneficiaries.

Seniors also have the right to a secure retirement, including a secure pension. Democrats will take action to secure this right in the coming weeks.

And one of the most important rights that every American senior has is the right to live with dignity. Federal policy should therefore be aimed at empowering seniors to make important decisions with family members, not insurance bureaucrats.

Seniors have a right to be protected from scams and fraud including credit card company abuses, identity theft, and mortgage schemes. That's why the financial reform legislation, which will be sent to the President in the coming weeks, is so critical to enact immediately. By reining in the ability of Wall Street executives to gamble away our retirements we will help put our economy on a path to financial stability. We will fulfill this right of America's seniors to have economic security and create an economy that we will be proud to pass on to future generations.

Madam Speaker, America's seniors want to guarantee America's place as a leader in a global economy by reinvesting in manufacturing and American-made goods, training students to be the workforce of the future, and ensuring there are job opportunities for anyone who wants or needs one.

Thanks to the Recovery Act, the Affordable Care Act, and the Wall Street Reform Act this Congress is making each of these rights a reality for our seniors.

CELEBRATING THE 120TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE QUIHI GUN CLUB

HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Madam Speaker, I am proud to rise today to recognize and celebrate the 120th Anniversary of the Quihi Gun Club. This is the oldest gun club in the country and counts a membership of over 1,000 people.

The Club, originally built to defend against Indian attacks, is the oldest continuous running gun club in the United States where members continue to meet each month. Two German men met under an oak tree on Quihi Creek on May 26, 1890 to organize the Quihi Schuetzen (shooting) Verein (club); now called the Quihi Gun Club and Dance Hall. The Quihi Gun Club hosts an annual turkey shoot in the fall, fundraising for the Make-a-Wish foundation, and hosts the Medina County Riders' Annual Trail Ride scholarship for Medina County students.

The club is based in Quihi, Texas, a quiet rural farming community with a population of about 200. Quihi is located about midway between Hondo and Castroville, north of Hwy 90 on State Road 2676. There is one state highway that runs through Quihi with a lot of county and private roads that branch off of it. The area that would come to be known as Quihi

was originally settled by Lipans, Kiowa, Kickapoo and Comanche Indians. The Indians named the area "quichi" (pronounced kee-chee) after the large brown bird with white feathers on its tail and tips of its wings. Quihi was founded in 1844 by Henri Castro on the banks of what was to be called Quihi Creek.

Quihi was established in March 1846 by 10 families of German/French colonists brought to Texas by Emprario Henri Castro. Families set out from Castroville and moved 10 miles west to site at Quihi Lake. Original settlers in the area came from Alsace-Lorraine, Germany, Belgium and Mexico. This area was attacked by Indians shortly after settlement and several times thereafter. It is the site of first public free school in Medina County as well as a German-English school. The population of the community grew through the latter part of 19th century but began to dwindle after the 1900s, as young people moved to other nearby towns and cities. Today only a few families remain in this community surrounded by heavily settled farm land. Many family-owned businesses, farms and ranches are still owned by descendants of the original families.

Several of Texas' greatest Legends like Pappy Selph, Caesare Masse, and Cliff Bruner have spent many nights in Dance Halls like this. I extend my most sincere congratulations to the Quihi Gun Club on their 120th Anniversary. I am proud of their success and hope that they continue to expand their club membership as they provide their services not only to their community, but to audiences from all over for many years to come.

Early this month the town of Quihi was struck by a devastating flood of the Quihi Creek. Three businesses closed, the area was temporarily without electricity and a large section of pavement was washed away on FM 2676. According to newspaper reports the Quihi Gun Club and Dance Hall was hit with two feet of water and had a slightly damaged dance floor. Despite the damage, the public dance proceeded as scheduled that week.

The history of this beautiful, small rural community can boast of their heritage for over 160 years. It is delightful that the traditions of the Quihi Gun Club can add to this exemplary and truly American community. I am proud to represent the people of Quihi and to recognize the Quihi Gun Club and its integral role in the Quihi community and Medina County.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JUDGE
EDWARD B. DAVIS

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of a good man and pay tribute to a dear friend, Judge Edward B. Davis. Judge Davis passed away on May 24, 2010; he was 77.

I had the privilege of serving alongside Judge Davis in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida. Judge Davis and I were attorneys in 1979 when we received the distinct and humbling honor of being appointed to the bench by President Jimmy Carter. My memories of serving on the bench with Judge Davis are lasting impressions that keep with me to this day.

Ned, as we so affectionately called him, displayed all the characteristics of a brilliant judge. He had a keen intellect that allowed him to see to the heart of a matter and render a verdict that was considered fair by all parties. Ned is remembered and envied as an evenhanded and empathetic jurist. No matter who came before Judge Davis, they were assured a fair hearing under the law.

Any judge can employ the law, but it was Ned's humanistic dimension that made him great. I like to say that he had a heart as big as he was tall. He served a cause bigger than himself, never allowing his personal beliefs to obstruct the clarity of the law and the best interests of his beloved home of South Florida.

Ned made sure that he always had a life outside his chambers, a goal that gave him perspective on the bench. He would often joke that being a judge was his "second favorite job." A talented athlete, I always enjoyed hearing stories of his professional days with the Detroit Tigers. Sharing a drink after a long week to discuss family life with Ned are some of the memories that I hold most dear.

Madam Speaker, we have lost a giant of South Florida. Ned's presence will be sorely missed and is impossible to replace. He put forward a significant number of undertakings in Florida as a lawyer, judge, and citizen. Ned has passed, but he left a legacy we can all take part in. His contributions to society should serve as a reminder of our responsibility to others and our duty to leave a positive impression of our own.

My thoughts and prayers are with his wife of 52 years, Pat; three children, Diana, Ned, and Traci; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren at this most difficult time. I was fortunate enough to call Ned a friend. His family can be so proud to call him a husband and father. I will miss him dearly.

IN HONOR OF T. BOONE PICKENS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of T. Boone Pickens, who has made a major impact on our world through his advocacy and philanthropic missions.

Mr. Pickens was born on May 22nd, 1928 and raised in the Great Plains of Holdenville, Oklahoma during the Great Depression. His father, Thomas Boone Pickens, and mother, Grace Molonson Pickens, both worked in the oil industry. He grew up across the street from his grandmother, Nellie Molonson, and an aunt, Ellie Reed, both of whom were extremely influential in teaching him the importance of responsibility, self-sufficiency and accountability.

Mr. Pickens began his working at the age of 12 with a paper route. His route started out small, yet quickly grew from a customer base of 28 to nearly 130 customers. The business principals of expansion and acquisition, combined with his strong intellect, work ethic and unwavering drive to succeed, elevated Mr. Pickens to the stature of one of the wealthiest oil moguls in the world before he was forty.

Mr. Pickens' great financial success in the oil sector has allowed him to recommit his work toward lowering greenhouse gas pollu-

tion. Mr. Pickens' philanthropic efforts have totaled more than a billion dollars. He created the Pickens Foundation, the mission of which is to improve lives by providing funds for the creation of programs in the areas of medical research, athletics, education and the environment.

Both Mr. Pickens and his wife, Madeleine Pickens, are also lifelong animal rights activists. They have led the effort to outlaw the slaughter of horses in America, and recently, they have focused on saving and protecting the tens of thousands of wild mustang horses and their natural habitats.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of T. Boone Pickens, whose focus on innovation and public service has contributed significantly to our nation.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. RAMESH S.
GULRAJANI, MD, FCCP

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. Ramesh S. Gulrajani.

Dr. Gulrajani graduated from the University of Bombay, India in 1975 close to the top of his class. Shortly thereafter he began his Internal Medicine training at the Brooklyn Cumberland Medical Center where he also completed a fellowship in pulmonary medicine. He is board certified in internal medicine and pulmonary medicine and has been in private practice in those fields at the Brooklyn Hospital Center since 1981.

In 1984, Dr. Gulrajani was appointed Director of the Medical Intensive Care Unit (MICU) and was subsequently promoted to Chief of Pulmonary/Critical Care Medicine, Vice Chairman, and then Chairman of the Department of Internal Medicine. Culminating his academic career at the Brooklyn Hospital Center, he was appointed Associate Chief Medical Officer in 2007. He is currently an Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine at the Weill Medical College of Cornell University. Over the years, he has been responsible for training numerous medical students, medical residents, and pulmonary fellows. He has also co-authored a number of articles in scientific journals, a chapter in a pulmonary medicine text, and has been a speaker at national medical meetings.

Dr. Gulrajani has received numerous awards over the years from the Brooklyn Hospital Center including the Annual Social Service Award, Nurses Recognition Award, the annual award from the professional staff of the Brooklyn Hospital Center for Dedication and Distinguished Service, as well as the Distinguished Pulmonary Medicine Award from the American Lung Association. He was inducted to the "wall of fame" by the American Lung Association and named as one of the "Top Doctors in New York" by Castle, Connolly Medical Guide and by New York Magazine, as one of America's Top Doctors by Consumer Research Council of America, and as a Premier Provider of Quality and Efficient Care by United Health Care, among other honors. In his spare time, Dr. Gulrajani is also actively involved in community service in Brooklyn and in India.

Dr. Gulrajani's daughter, Samara, works at the New York Methodist Hospital and his son