

The odds seem against this. The Deficit Commission may embrace debt-to-GDP targets and aim for a "primary balance" (excluding interest payments) because it's easier politically. Consider: In 2020 the deficit will be \$1.254 trillion on spending of \$5.67 trillion, projects the Congressional Budget Office. Closing that gap would require steep tax increases or deep spending cuts. But \$916 billion of the projected deficit represents interest payments. Ignoring them instantly "solves" three-quarters of the problem.

The message from Europe is that this approach ultimately fails. Intellectually elegant evasions are still evasions. Though financial markets may condone lax government borrowing for years, confidence can shatter unexpectedly. Lenders retreat or insist on punishing interest rates. Market pressures then impel harsh austerity—benefit cuts or tax increases—far more brutal than anything governments would have needed to do on their own. We are, by inaction and self-deception, tempting that fate.

HONORING ELIZABETH BROWN WILSON

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker: Whereas, in 1931 a virtuous woman of God was born and today we gather to pay tribute for her life's work; and

Whereas, Elizabeth Brown Wilson, not only talked the talk, but she walked the walk as it related to community service for all the citizens in our district; and

Whereas, Elizabeth Brown Wilson has served our district well as a commissioner for the city of Decatur, an advocate and activist for seniors and as mayor of the City of Decatur, being the first African American woman to serve as mayor; and

Whereas, this wise elder and woman of God has shared her time and talents for the betterment of her community and her nation through her tireless works, words of encouragement and inspiration that have been and continue to be a beacon of light to those in need; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Ms. Elizabeth Brown Wilson for her outstanding leadership and service to our District;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim May 22, 2010, as Elizabeth Brown Wilson Day in the Fourth Congressional District.

FEMALE VETERANS

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I'd like to take a minute to remember all of our heroic soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines who have given their lives while fighting for our Nation's freedom. Their patriotism and bravery are the foundation of our Nation's history and I am honored to pay tribute to them in front of the United States Congress for Memorial Day.

I'd especially like to call attention to the women who have stepped forward and put their lives on the line for our country throughout the decades. Women began taking part in our armed forces nearly 220 years ago, and they have been serving courageously, selflessly, and with perseverance ever since. Their service went unrecognized for far too long, but in 1997, a Women's Veterans Memorial was established in Washington to honor these great American heroes. Likewise, I honor the impact our women veterans have had on our Nation and our freedom through their dedication and sacrifice.

My District, the 11th to District of Georgia, is home to many Servicewomen of the United States Armed Forces—both active duty and retired. I am extraordinarily proud of and grateful for these brave American women on this Memorial Day—and every other day.

HONORING 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MILFORD SENIOR CENTER

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate 40 years of elderly care and companionship at the Milford Senior Center, the first and oldest senior center in Milford and one of the top ten places in the country for single retirees, according to U.S. News and World Report last year.

Four decades ago this month, the Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church opened what would become the Milford Senior Center in three rooms in their church basement. Today, the Center boasts its own sprawling 30,000-square-foot facility, with an auditorium, dining hall, lounge, music room, and, for those senior citizens bravely foraying into 21st century technology, even a computer lab.

And along with providing a wonderful environment for seniors to socialize and relax, the Milford Center provides a number of important services for the community, from meals on wheels to free blood pressure screenings to energy and income tax assistance. Their Ahrens Program, while offering much-needed respite to caregivers, helps seniors with cognitive impairments to eat well, learn, and play.

All too often, one's "golden years" can be filled with struggle. Health concerns, the loss of independence, a profound sense of loneliness—these are just some of the challenges our seniors can face in later years. But senior centers like Milford, and the invaluable programs, services, and activities they provide, help to stem these obstacles. They make a real difference in the lives of some of our most vulnerable citizens. Thanks to Milford, elderly citizens can come together, get the help and resources they need to thrive, and, in short, have fun.

My deepest thanks go out to the staff of the center for all the good they have done over the past 40 years. Congratulations on reaching this milestone, and here's to many more such anniversaries in the future. Your caring each and every day reminds us, as it reminds so many of Milford's seniors, that age is really just a state of mind.

NORCO COLLEGE, 112TH COLLEGE IN THE CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Norco College as an independent college of the Riverside Community College District and congratulate the entire college community for its success in becoming the 112th college in the California Community Colleges system.

Since 1916, Riverside Community College District has served as an institution of higher education in western Riverside County. In 1991, the district created the Norco Campus as an education center to serve the communities of Corona, Norco, Eastvale and areas of Riverside County. When Norco's doors opened in March 1991 there were 3,088 students enrolled. Now, nearly 10 years later, that number has increased to more than 11,000.

Norco College offers a full complement of lower division courses in liberal arts, sciences, humanities and basic skills education, while offering specialist career technical programs in engineering, electronics, computer information systems, architecture, manufacturing, logistics, construction, game simulation and development, and commercial music.

On January 29, 2010, the Norco Campus received approval to become Norco College, thereby establishing it as the 112th college in the California Community Colleges system. And on June 10, Norco College will celebrate 531 students as its inaugural graduating class of 2010.

The process for gaining full accreditation status has been 8 years in the making for Norco, and I commend all those involved for their diligent efforts—including faculty, staff, students and administrators. I assure you, your dedication has not gone unnoticed and has yielded an achievement worthy of your efforts. Congratulations again, on this important milestone in Norco College's history.

GRATITUDE FOR THE SERVICE OF RENATA STRAUSE

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to thank one of the most dedicated and productive members of the Judiciary Committee staff for her service to the House, Renata Strause. For 3½ years, Renata has worked with exceptional dedication and drive for the Judiciary Committee, and I rise to commend her for her achievements.

After graduating from high school in Lancaster, PA, Renata began her professional career before attending college when she worked for a year as a legislative aide to State Representative P. Michael Sturla in the Pennsylvania State General Assembly. After putting together the first annual Lancaster Legislative Weekend, Renata matriculated at Oberlin College in Ohio during the Fall of 2002.

She earned her bachelor's degree in politics from Oberlin, where she cochaired the College Democrats' club, competed as a finalist for the Harry S. Truman Scholarship, received several departmental prizes for her academic work, and was elected to the Phi Beta Kappa Society. She immersed herself fully in the political life of Oberlin, Ohio as well—working on city ballot initiatives for education, city council races, and get-out-the-vote efforts during several elections. During her summer and winter breaks, she also worked at the Pennsylvania Department of Education and served as Congressional candidate Lois Herr's deputy campaign manager during the 2004 election cycle in Lancaster County.

Following graduation, Renata came to Washington to work at the political consulting firm of Evans & Katz. Managing the daily operations of the Washington office, Renata represented clients before the Federal Election Commission, helped coordinate fundraising for several House and Senate candidates, and prepared electoral compliance reports for the firm.

At the beginning of the 110th Congress, Renata joined the Judiciary Committee staff and became an invaluable member of the committee's oversight team. She took on an incalculable number of tasks, staffing Members of the committee and myself on administration oversight issues, voter suppression, executive branch accountability, gaming issues, health care, and most recently the committee's work on the liability issues related to the Gulf Coast oil disaster. She has been instrumental to the committee's investigative work on Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Department of Justice, including the firing of nine U.S. Attorneys and the resultant Contempt of Congress resolutions on the House Floor. She also worked on large portions of the committee's comprehensive staff report on the previous administration: *Reining in the Imperial Presidency: Lessons and Recommendations Relating to Presidency of George W. Bush*.

Renata is leaving the committee and Washington to attend Yale Law School this fall. On behalf of the Judiciary Committee, its staff, and this distinguished body, I would like to thank her for her exemplary work, generosity, sense of humor, and boundless energy. She will be sorely missed as a colleague and friend, but we wish her the best of luck and extend to her our deepest gratitude for her service.

HONORING THE PATRIOT GUARD RIDERS

HON. JEAN SCHMIDT

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a group of true American patriots who selflessly give of themselves to honor our men and women in uniform. The Patriot Guard Riders have honored our sailors and troops who have made the ultimate sacrifice, given comfort and protection to their grieving families, and proven themselves to be more than worthy of our thanks.

The Patriot Guard Riders started in Kansas to protect grieving families from protestors who would attempt to disrupt the funerals of

troops that had died defending our nation. That initiative has grown and now stretches across the United States. In my home state of Ohio, we have a great group of men and women who have picked up the flag to ride in honor of our brave men and women.

I have had the distinct honor to meet and spend time with the Ohio Patriot Guard Riders, and the State Captain, Robert "Bob" Woods, of West Chester, Ohio. In just a few short years the membership of the Ohio Patriot Guard Riders has grown from 400 to over 4,000, who at the request of the family ride to honor our fallen heroes. And, when necessary, they shield them from people who would try to tarnish the honor of their loved one.

Bob Woods is an American hero aside from his work with the Patriot Guard Riders. He served our nation in Vietnam. Bob has made it his personal mission to ensure that every returning member of the military knows that their service to our nation is appreciated, and that our fallen heroes are honorably remembered for their service in defense of liberty.

Ohio's Patriot Guard Riders have been there to honor our men and women in uniform and the Veterans who came before them. And today as we approach this Memorial Day weekend, I ask all in Congress to honor and thank the Patriot Guard Riders for their devotion to the ideas of freedom and liberty and the men and women who defend it.

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF DR. NELSON YING

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Mr. GRAYSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the inspirational spirit of Dr. Nelson Ying in honor of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. Dr. Ying's life story is somewhat of a fairy tale demonstrating the passion and fortitude of the American dream. Dr. Ying and his parents fled from China at the height of the Communist takeover in 1955. The Ying family moved to New York City with only \$600. Dr. Ying's father, James Ying, opened a chain of successful gift shops all over New York, from Chinatown into the New York suburbs. Dr. Ying learned at a young age from his father that in America hard work and perseverance can take you far.

Dr. Ying epitomizes the character and integrity that represent the Asian Pacific American community. Dr. Ying is the founding chairman of the Orange County Science Exposition. Through this annual exposition, Dr. Ying continues to promote direct involvement from students in science. Every year he selects five outstanding high school science scholars to compete in his science competition. The scholarship gives students an opportunity to explore state of the art facilities at places like Kennedy Space Center and Lockheed Martin. The "Ying Prize" has become a testament to science achievement in Central Florida, awarding a prestigious student up to \$1,000 for the best physical science project. Dr. Ying's involvement in the fields of education and community service has greatly contributed to the Central Florida community. Dr. Ying's investment in our next generation of leaders in the field of scientific innovation is invaluable.

Madam Speaker, Central Florida is proud to have a strong community leader like Dr. Ying. Dr. Nelson Ying's priority to give back to the community by educating the next generation of leaders reflects not only core American values, but what should be the top policy priority for our Nation. Dr. Ying's service will compel young adults and be the catalyst for a better world of tomorrow.

ROCKDALE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, since its founding, the Rockdale County Democratic Party has been and continues to be a worthy instrument for good; and

Whereas, the second annual black tie Gala is being held to celebrate community service and honor excellence in government, business, education and health; and

Whereas, the Rockdale County Democratic Party has always promoted the concept of One Community-One Goal by working with and for individuals of all walks of life to make Rockdale County a place where openness is seen as well as heard; and

Whereas, its members give of themselves tirelessly and unconditionally to serve our community through projects such as voter registration, health walks, mentorships and scholarships; and

Whereas, the lives of many in our district are touched by the leadership and service given by the members of the Rockdale County Democratic Party, our nation and the world is a better place due to their commitment to excellence in all of their endeavors; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize their outstanding service to our District;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim April 24, 2010, as Rockdale County Democratic Party Day in the Fourth Congressional District.

HONORING DR. JAMES C. ALLEN

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Ms. BALDWIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and career of Dr. James C. Allen of Madison, Wisconsin. There is no more appropriate time than now, as we approach Memorial Day, to recognize Dr. Allen's distinguished service to our country both as a veteran of war and an advocate for his fellow servicemembers. His tireless work as an ophthalmologist extends far beyond direct clinical care to touch the lives of countless veterans across our great Nation.

Dr. Allen began his service to our country during the Korean war. After returning from duty, he started practicing ophthalmology at the William S. Middleton Memorial VA Hospital in Madison. During his 35 year career at the VA Hospital, Dr. Allen discovered a significant problem with the VA compensation structure.