

States Navy, he joined the Wichita Police Department as an officer in 1957. He served there for 23 years, retiring in 1980 as Deputy Police Chief to accept his current position.

In the 30 years Mr. Stout has served on the Wichita Crime Commission, he is personally credited with developing advanced and specialty training programs for officers. This year, under his direction, the Crime Commission is conducting its 16th Annual Midwest Law Enforcement Conference on Gangs and Drugs. This annual program has provided training for more than 2500 law enforcement officers state-wide.

His involvement in the "Making Good Choices" program has directly impacted Wichita's youth by highlighting the consequences of poor decisions before they are faced with them. Mr. Stout was also the face of the weekly "Crime Stoppers" segment on local television, where his work earned him the distinction of Kansas "Crime Stopper" of the Year in 1993.

While tirelessly devoting his efforts to improving the lives of his fellow citizens, Bobby is first and foremost a devoted husband to his wife, Jerry, and a proud father and grandfather.

Madam Speaker, when parents in Wichita, or anywhere in our country, search for role models in their community that their children can aspire to, they need look no further than Bobby Stout. It is my distinct privilege to honor him today in the House of Representatives.

#### INVESTOR DEPOSIT YARDSTICK (INDY) ACT

#### HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 27, 2010*

Ms. HARMAN. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to introduce with Rep. DAVID DREIER the bipartisan Investor Deposit Yardstick (INDY) Act.

On July 11, 2008, 6,500 depositors in IndyMac bank woke up to find huge chunks of their life savings had vanished. IndyMac collapsed, and with it went \$233 million in deposited funds.

These small business owners, retirees and working families were not speculating wildly on the stock market—they were saving money in a bank they thought was secure.

Three months later, as the economy cratered, the federal government rode to the rescue of customers of other failing banks. In October 2008, the government raised the FDIC insurance limit from \$100,000 to \$250,000.

But it came too late for IndyMac customers, and for customers of five other banks across the country that were taken over by the FDIC. The new limits applied only prospectively to banks that would fail, not retroactively to those that already had.

IndyMac was the largest savings and loan in the Los Angeles area and its downfall hit California especially hard. Imagine your child's education fund practically wiped out overnight. Imagine your retirement nest egg decimated. And when you go to claim your FDIC insurance coverage, you are told you can't recover up to \$250,000 but your neighbor can.

And many customers claim they were misled by IndyMac employees into believing their

savings in excess of \$100,000 were fully insured.

I am pleased to have partnered with Chairman FRANK and the FDIC to resolve this problem, as well as my co-author DAVID DREIER, and I urge prompt passage of this legislation, which is fully paid for out of fees assessed on financial institutions.

#### IN SUPPORT OF SECTION 45G, THE SHORT LINE RAILROAD TAX CREDIT

#### HON. THOMAS S.P. PERRIELLO

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 27, 2010*

Mr. PERRIELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the Section 45G Short Line Railroad Tax Credit, which expired on December 31, 2009, so that we can support our nation's railway industry and the jobs that it creates.

Section 45G was enacted in 2004 to help America's lighter-density freight rail lines invest in their infrastructure. Because this credit has not been extended for 2010, the Buckingham Branch Railroad in the 5th district of Virginia has been unable to make track repairs and much needed upgrades, thereby affecting Amtrak schedules and long term planning. Fifty cents of every dollar that the Buckingham Branch Railroad spends on improving its rail infrastructure is directed to labor costs, keeping Virginians employed.

The Short Line Railroad Tax Credit generates 6,890,000 rail track worker-hours each year and 3,305 full-time jobs nationwide. These numbers do not include the tens of thousands of jobs in the American steel, timber, and aggregate industries that make steel rail, railroad ties, and other railway equipment.

Section 45G is vital to enabling railway companies to pay their track employees and invest in tracks that serve local businesses. Short line rail tracks connect many of America's small businesses to the national freight rail network and promote economic development in areas that need it most.

I respectfully encourage the conference committee to ensure that the Short Line Railroad Tax Credit is successfully maintained.

#### HONORING CHARLES ROLAND "BUDDY" HUGHES

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 27, 2010*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, Whereas, our lives have been touched by the life of this one man, who has given of himself in order for others to stand; and

Whereas, Charles Roland "Buddy" Hughes' work is present in DeKalb County, Georgia for all to see, being an advocate for the youth, the elderly, the poor and ordinary citizens like you and me; and

Whereas, this giant of a man thought there was never an issue that was too tall; he would protest, picket, march and speak out against injustice, because he knew that in order to have a better community it would take us all; and

Whereas, this remarkable man gave of himself, his time, his talent and his life; he never asked for fame or fortune to uplift those in need, he just wanted to do what was right and when he committed to doing something his actions would cut like a knife; and

Whereas, Buddy Hughes was a husband, a father, a son, a brother and a friend; he was our warrior, our general, a man of great integrity who remained true to the uplifting of our community until his end; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to bestow an honorable mention and recognition on Charles Roland "Buddy" Hughes for his leadership, friendship and service to all of the citizens in Georgia and throughout the world; a citizen of great worth and so noted distinction;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby attest to the 111th Congress that Charles Roland "Buddy" Hughes of DeKalb County, Georgia is deemed worthy and deserving of this "Congressional Honorable Mention": Mr. Charles Roland "Buddy" Hughes, U.S. Citizen of Distinction, in the Fourth Congressional District.

#### OFFICER BENJAMIN L. KELLY

#### HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 27, 2010*

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today as a Congressman from the 8th District of Washington, a resident of the great Pacific Northwest, and a former law enforcement officer, to honor a man who acted courageously under perilous circumstances late last year. Seattle Police Department Officer Benjamin Kelly answered the call of duty in the wake of the heinous and unprecedented ambush of four officers in Lakewood, Washington. Because of his efforts, law enforcement officers and residents of Washington could breathe a sigh of relief knowing a violent gunman was no longer walking the streets.

The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund named Officer Kelly its "Officer of the Month" in March and Officer Kelly has received distinguished praise elsewhere for his brave actions in the early morning hours of December 1, 2009. That morning, Kelly encountered a parked car with its engine running. He pulled up behind the car—which he suspected was stolen—and started the process of documenting his discovery and determining the status of the vehicle. At the same time, Kelly noticed a man standing nearby who was wearing a hooded sweatshirt. Alert, Kelly focused on his task and his surroundings. Suddenly, Kelly spotted the man walking toward his patrol car from behind. Kelly left his vehicle, ordered the man to stop and immediately recognized him as the suspect in the terrible police ambush 48 hours earlier. Instead of stopping, the suspect darted away from the officer while reaching for a weapon. Kelly shot the suspect and killed him, ending the most extensive police manhunt in Washington's history and taking a ruthless killer off the street.

Officer Kelly acted bravely, there is no doubt. I know the courage it takes to confront a dangerous and cold-blooded suspect. He

didn't hesitate and placed himself in harm's way without thinking twice. Even more, what I believe distinguished Kelly's actions that morning was his intelligence. He was fully aware, didn't take any actions for granted, and his mind never stopped processing the scene. This entire House is proud of his distinguished service.

Madam Speaker, Officer Kelly is back on the job, serving the people of Seattle and trying his best to avoid the adulation and spotlight that accompanies his outstanding actions. He is a humble servant; he is an outstanding officer; he is a hero.

**HONORING COLONEL EDWARD J. KERTIS FOR A DISTINGUISHED CAREER AND SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF GEORGIA**

**HON. PAUL C. BROUN**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 27, 2010*

Mr. BROUN of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Col. Edward J. Kertis for a distinguished career and the outstanding help that he has been to me, my staff, and the people in my district.

Col. Kertis assumed command of the Savannah District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, on June 29, 2007. Since his appointment, he has been responsible for a \$4 billion military design and construction program; water resources planning, design and construction; hazardous, toxic and radiological waste cleanup; and real estate activities.

Residents of my district are especially grateful for his help with water resources management during an historic drought. As the rains finally began to return, Col. Kertis took the unprecedented step of stopping flow from Thurmond and Hartwell Dams, allowing the lakes to fill while water was flowing into the Savannah River from flooding creeks and streams. This common-sense decision provided economic relief to those communities who rely so heavily on the preservation of the beautiful lakes and parks of the upper Savannah River. But he has served his country in other ways as well.

Prior to his assignment to the Savannah District, Col. Kertis commanded the Walla Walla District, USACE, in Washington State from 2002–2004. He has also served as a platoon leader, staff officer, and battalion executive officer in the 27th Engineer Battalion; company commander in the 41st Engineer Battalion; and engineer company commander in the 1st Special Forces Operational Detachment—Delta. He was also the inaugural commander of the Northern District, Gulf Region Division, Iraq, during Operation Iraqi Freedom, where he managed construction projects in support of Coalition forces and the Iraqi government.

I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Col. Kertis for his service to the nation and the dedication he has given his duties, and in wishing him a long and wonderful retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JOHN B. LARSON**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 27, 2010*

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, on May 26, 2010 I missed rollcall vote 302. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" or "aye."

PHYLLIS REEDER RETIREMENT

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKEY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 27, 2010*

Mr. VISCLOSKEY. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I pay tribute to one of the most caring, dedicated, and selfless citizens of Indiana's First Congressional District, Ms. Phyllis Reeder, longtime employee of the Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District (LCSWCD), and current LCSWCD Administrative Treasurer. After serving the community of Lake County, Indiana in this capacity for the past twenty-five years, Phyllis will be retiring at the end of this month. In honor of Phyllis, a retirement open house will be held by the LCSWCD on Friday, May 28, 2010 at the Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District office in Crown Point, Indiana.

Phyllis Reeder is a lifelong resident of Northwest Indiana who is extremely proud of her Hoosier heritage. In 1944, Phyllis was born in LaPorte County, Indiana. Her family later moved to Schererville where Phyllis attended Saint Michael's Elementary School. She went on to graduate from Dyer Central High School in 1963. She then attended and graduated from Keypunch School in Hammond. Phyllis then began to work in the data processing department at Simmons Mattress Company in Munster. Later that year, on November 22, 1963, Phyllis married her beloved husband, Charles "Chuck" Reeder. They started a family and raised four girls: Theresa, Debbie, Donna, and Diana, and one boy, Charles. Phyllis was an active parent and also continued to work at Simmons until July 1980 when the company closed its doors. In 1977, Phyllis and her family moved to a ten-acre mini-farm in Cedar Creek Township. It was during this time that Phyllis's passion for environmental conservation began to grow. On the farm, they have a large garden which, at the time, provided their large family with fruit, vegetables, and herbs. The farm also has a windbreak on the property, which helps to prevent wind erosion and also saves energy. In addition, Phyllis's five children participated in many 4-H projects, which included such topics as water conservation, wetlands, foods, basketry, and food preservation.

In 1985, Phyllis's passion for conservation led to her career at the Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District. Phyllis currently serves as Administrative Treasurer for the LCSWCD, where she is known for her friendly demeanor and positive attitude. She consistently goes out of her way to assist co-workers and customers with their needs. Included in her many achievements at the LCSWCD, she expanded the LCSWCD's educational program and trained as a facilitator for Project Wild and

Aquatic, Project Learning Tree, and Project WET. These workshops are offered throughout the county to local schools and are facilitated by Phyllis. Because of her strong belief in conservation, her efforts extend well beyond her working hours at the LCSWCD. Phyllis is actively involved in numerous volunteer organizations and has served on many boards throughout the community. For her unwavering commitment to environmental conservation efforts and to Northwest Indiana, she is worthy of the highest praise.

Phyllis's dedication to the community and her career is exceeded only by her devotion to her wonderful family. Phyllis and Chuck have been married for 47 years and they enjoy spending much of their time with their beloved children and grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending Phyllis Reeder for her lifetime of leadership, service and dedication to the community of Lake County, Indiana. She has touched the lives of numerous people through her efforts at the Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District and through her extensive volunteer work. While she will be missed by the people with whom she worked, Phyllis's service and selfless dedication will forever be remembered, and I ask that you join me in wishing her well in her retirement.

**RECOGNIZING COLONEL RONALD L. MARSELLE**

**HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 27, 2010*

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Colonel Ronald L. Marselle for his outstanding service to our nation on the occasion of his retirement. His dedicated service to the citizens of our nation, the Department of Defense, and our Congress is both admirable and commendable.

Colonel Marselle earned his commission as a Distinguished Graduate from the United States Air Force Academy in 1985. He attended undergraduate pilot training at Williams Air Force Base and as an aviator, served as an aircraft commander, instructor, and evaluator in the KC-135 aircraft.

He returned to the Air Force Academy in 1998 where he led, mentored, and developed our nation's future Air Force officers. Colonel Marselle continued his excellent service to our nation in Washington, D.C., as Deputy Division Chief, Future Concepts and Transformation Division, Headquarters U.S. Air Force.

Most recently, Colonel Marselle provided legislative counsel for the Commander of the United States Transportation Command (USTRANSCOM). His in-depth knowledge of the legislative process and USTRANSCOM helped foster the strongest of working relationships. Without doubt, Colonel Marselle's efforts in this regard were instrumental in support of and service to our nation, and will not be forgotten.

Colonel Marselle's successful journey during his many years of service could not have been completed without the support of his loving family.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Colonel Ronald L.