

Payne	Sánchez, Linda	Sullivan
Pence	T.	Sutton
Perriello	Sanchez, Loretta	Tanner
Peters	Sarbanes	Taylor
Peterson	Scalise	Teague
Petri	Schakowsky	Thompson (CA)
Pingree (ME)	Schauer	Thompson (MS)
Pitts	Schiff	Thompson (PA)
Platts	Schmidt	Thornberry
Poe (TX)	Schock	Tiahrt
Polis (CO)	Schrader	Tiberi
Pomeroy	Schwartz	Tierney
Posey	Scott (GA)	Titus
Price (GA)	Scott (VA)	Tonko
Price (NC)	Sensenbrenner	Towns
Putnam	Serrano	Tsongas
Radanovich	Sessions	Turner
Rahall	Sestak	Upton
Rangel	Shadegg	Van Hollen
Rehberg	Shea-Porter	Velázquez
Reichert	Sherman	Visclosky
Reyes	Shimkus	Walden
Richardson	Shuler	Walz
Rodriguez	Shuster	Wasserman
Roe (TN)	Simpson	Schultz
Rogers (AL)	Sires	Waters
Rogers (KY)	Skelton	Watson
Rogers (MI)	Slaughter	Watt
Rohrabacher	Smith (NE)	Waxman
Rooney	Smith (NJ)	Weiner
Ros-Lehtinen	Smith (TX)	Welch
Roskam	Smith (WA)	Westmoreland
Ross	Snyder	Whitfield
Rothman (NJ)	Souder	Wilson (OH)
Roybal-Allard	Space	Wilson (SC)
Royce	Speier	Wittman
Ruppersberger	Spratt	Wolf
Rush	Stark	Wu
Ryan (WI)	Stearns	Yarmuth
Salazar	Stupak	Young (AK)

NOT VOTING—28

Barrett (SC)	Forbes	Nadler (NY)
Berman	Gohmert	Perlmutter
Blunt	Grijalva	Quigley
Camp	Gutierrez	Ryan (OH)
Conyers	Hoekstra	Terry
Dahlkemper	Jordan (OH)	Wamp
Davis (AL)	Kennedy	Woolsey
Deal (GA)	Kilpatrick (MI)	Young (FL)
Engel	Kirk	
Fallin	Manzullo	

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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, on March 9, 2010, I was called away on personal business. I regret that I was not present to vote on H.R. 3650, H. Res. 1069, and H. Res. 935. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on all votes.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to attend several votes today. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on final passage of H.R. 3650, "aye" on final passage of H. Res. 1069, and "aye" on final passage H. Res. 935.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from the House Chamber today. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 92, 93, and 94.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER
AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 872

Mr. MCCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 872.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Michigan?

There was no objection.

HONORING TERRY LINDSEY

(Mr. GINGREY of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to honor a very distinguished individual from the 11th District of Georgia, Mr. Terry Lindsey.

Terry is not only a dear friend but a very renowned member of the Polk County community. Terry is retiring this March after 31 years of employment with Engineered Fabrics in Rockmart, Georgia. Engineered Fabrics manufactures fuel bladders for many platforms, such as the Blackhawk helicopter and the Abrams tank.

Terry's hard work with the company has ultimately helped to ensure the safety of our pilots and of our soldiers who are in harm's way.

Terry started with Engineered Fabrics in 1979 as the manager of Contract Management, and 10 years later, he was made vice president of Business Development. He is an integral part of Engineered Fabrics' success, and I know he will be deeply missed by the company.

Terry is also a very active volunteer in the Polk County community, serving on the Rotary, and he has been a board member of the Chamber of Commerce for many, many years. He is very committed to the youth leadership committee, often speaking to their graduation classes.

Terry is married to his college sweetheart, Jean, is a wonderful father of two, and is a grandfather of four.

Mr. Speaker, I am very proud to call Terry a friend. I want to congratulate him on his retirement, and I want to thank him for his hard work on behalf of our community and the military.

OHIO AIR NATIONAL GUARD TO
HAITI

(Mr. BOCCIERI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BOCCIERI. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise in recognition of the Ohio Air National Guard, recently dispatched to Haiti to participate in the relief efforts after the devastating earthquake there.

The 179th Airlift Wing of the National Guard was among the first units to land in Haiti, ready to improve communication at the Port-au-Prince airport and to dispatch search and rescue crews, knowing full well of the conditions awaiting them.

As a former member and pilot of the 179th Airlift Wing, I flew on various missions with them around the globe, and I know of their dedication.

The conditions in Haiti are, indeed, horrific, and I pray for those who have perished and for the loved ones they have left behind. I am proud that my home State of Ohio symbolizes what so many in the U.S. Armed Forces already know: No matter where devastation occurs, there are courageous and selfless young men and women across our Nation who are willing to respond to the call of duty.

To the members of the 179th Airlift Wing of the Ohio Air National Guard, each of you are heroes today, and I commend you for rising to the call of duty in this desperate time of need. Thank you for your service to our country.

HONORING THE LIFE OF HOYT C.
WOODS

(Mr. ROONEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ROONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Hoyt C. Woods, who passed away at his home in Port St. Lucie, Florida, this month. Woody, as he was known, was a veteran of the Vietnam War, and before moving to Florida nearly 30 years ago, he served as a police officer in Longmeadow, Massachusetts.

Serving fellow veterans was one of Woody's lifelong passions. For more than 15 years, he served as chairman of the Martin County Veterans Council, and he was also active in AMVETS, the American Legion, the VFW, and the Elks. He also co-established and was a charter member of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 127, in Martin County.

Woody was particularly proud of his integral role in creating the Honor Flight Program. This program honors America's veterans and their sacrifices by raising money to fly them to the Nation's capital so they can visit and reflect at their memorials.

Hoyt Woods leaves behind his wife of 25 years, Joyce; their sons, Micki and Shawn; two daughters, Wendi and Angela; and a Nation forever grateful for his distinguished service.

On behalf of the people of the 16th District of Florida, Godspeed, Mr. Woods.

RECOGNIZING WOMEN'S HISTORY
MONTH

(Mr. PAULSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to call attention to the month of March as being National Women's History Month. I am happy to stand here today, not only as a proud husband but also as a proud father of four daughters.

National Women's History Month actually started in March of 1980 as National Women's History Week. In 1987, the celebration was expanded to a full month. This month, we mark 30 years of shining a bright light on the importance that women have played in shaping the great Nation we live in today.

This year's theme is "writing women back into history." Through events, celebrations, and many additional measures, 2010 will help ensure that the historical and groundbreaking achievements made by thousands of women will find their rightful place in our history books.

Today, I am proud to recognize the grandmothers, the mothers, and the daughters who have given us so many reasons to celebrate National Women's History Month. I look forward to witnessing other young women become future leaders and history makers.

HONORING THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF SERGEANT VINCENT L.C. OWENS

(Mr. BOOZMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of a brave American soldier who sacrificed his life for freedom, Sergeant Vincent L.C. Owens from Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Sergeant Owens was a decorated soldier who was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, stationed in Fort Campbell, Kentucky. He was the recipient of many awards, including two Army Commendation Medals, two Army Achievement Medals, a Valorous Unit Award, an Iraq Campaign Medal, and a Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

On March 1, 2010, Sergeant Owens died of injuries sustained when the vehicle he occupied received direct fire. He was only 21.

Vincent was an accomplished young man, known for his work ethic and drive, for his focus and desire to be the best, and, most importantly, for his commitment to his family. Vincent made the ultimate sacrifice. So, too, did his family—his wife, Kaitlyn; his mother, Sheila; and his father, Keith.

Mr. Speaker, Vincent is a true American hero. I ask that my colleagues keep his family and friends in their thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time.

SAVING NASA, A NATIONAL SECURITY INTEREST AND ASSET

(Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased tonight to acknowledge that there is a lot of energy behind the engine of NASA and the Constellation Program. There is a

lot of interest across America, not so much for the individual States that are impacted but for the research engine of the international space station and the importance of human space exploration.

Today, I will introduce, along with 16 cosponsors, H. Res. 1150, which declares NASA a national security interest and asset. It emphasizes the importance of the work of NASA. As well, it indicates that the elimination of the Constellation Program will, in fact, create a national security risk to the United States and will diminish the Nation's efforts to advance scientific research in space.

In addition, we are asking and indicating that there should be partnerships between universities and that NASA centers should be established to provide research opportunities to conduct research on behalf of the United States at the international space station. In addition, this legislation will ask for the full funding of the Constellation Program.

We must save NASA. We must save jobs. This is an American imperative.

PRESERVE, PROTECT AND DEFEND AMERICA'S MANNED SPACE PROGRAM

(Mr. CULBERSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CULBERSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join my colleague and fellow Houstonian, Congresswoman SHEILA JACKSON LEE, in expressing our strong support for the fine men and women at NASA.

Our manned space program has preserved America's leadership in space, which has led to America's leadership in technology and in scientific advancement. The great men and women of NASA and of our manned space program have created in so many ways so many technological spin-offs that we must preserve America's leadership in space. We must preserve America's ability to protect the high ground. Unavoidably, the outer space today is the high ground militarily just as surely as Cemetery Hill and Little Round Top were at Gettysburg.

There is strong bipartisan support in this Congress to preserve America's manned space program and to oppose the recommendation—and that's what it is—of the Obama administration to close down America's space program. That is unacceptable. America will never surrender her leadership in the world, and we certainly will not surrender our leadership in outer space.

We are very proud of the men and women at NASA and in our manned space program, and we will be working together in a bipartisan way to preserve, protect and defend America's manned space program.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO OFFER RESOLUTION RAISING A QUESTION OF THE PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. FLAKE. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 2 of rule IX, I hereby give notice of my intent to offer a question of the privileges of the House.

The form of the resolution is as follows:

Whereas, the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct initiated an investigation into allegations related to earmarks and campaign contributions in the Spring of 2009.

Whereas, on December 2, 2009, reports and findings in seven separate matters involving the alleged connection between earmarks and campaign contributions were forwarded by the Office of Congressional Ethics to the Standards Committee.

Whereas, on February 26, 2010, the Standards Committee made public its report on the matter wherein the Committee found, though a widespread perception exists among corporations and lobbyists that campaign contributions provide a greater chance of obtaining earmarks, there was no evidence that Members or their staff considered contributions when requesting earmarks.

Whereas, the Committee indicated that, with respect to the matters forwarded by the Office of Congressional Ethics, neither the evidence cited in the OCE's findings nor the evidence in the record before the Standards Committee provided a substantial reason to believe that violations of applicable standards of conduct occurred.

Whereas, the Office of Congressional Ethics is prohibited from reviewing activities taking place prior to March of 2008 and lacks the authority to subpoena witnesses and documents.

Whereas, for example, the Office of Congressional Ethics noted that in some instances documents were redacted or specific information was not provided and that, in at least one instance, they had reason to believe a witness withheld information requested and did not identify what was being withheld.

Whereas, the Office of Congressional Ethics also noted that they were able to interview only six former employees of the PMA Group, with many former employees refusing to consent to interviews and the OCE unable to obtain evidence within PMA's possession.

Whereas, Roll Call noted that "the committee report was five pages long and included no documentation of any evidence collected or any interviews conducted by the committee, beyond a statement that the investigation included extensive document reviews and interviews with numerous witnesses." (Roll Call, March 8, 2010)

Whereas, it is unclear whether the Standards Committee included in their investigation any activities that occurred prior to 2008.

Whereas, it is unclear whether the Standards Committee interviewed any Members in the course of their investigation.

Whereas, it is unclear whether the Standards Committee, in the course of their investigation, initiated their own subpoenas or followed the Office of Congressional Ethics recommendations to issue subpoenas.

Therefore be it:

Resolved, That not later than seven days after the adoption of this resolution, the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct shall report to the House of Representatives, with respect to the activities addressed in its report of February 26, 2010, (1) what witnesses were interviewed, (2) what, if any,