

Mr. Faulk's distinguished public service career is highlighted through his work as a Senior Administrative Aide to one of our Nation's most influential and respected Members of Congress, Senator Sam Nunn of Georgia. Following Mr. Faulk's retirement from Senator Nunn's office, Mr. Faulk dedicated himself to full-time community service in his adopted hometown of Richland, Georgia. In 1998, he was elected as the city's first African American mayor, successfully serving two terms.

With an unyielding humanitarian spirit, he served on many city and state boards, councils, and committees. His many memberships and appointments included lifetime membership in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP); a member of the Stewart-Webster Rural Health Board of Directors; the Columbus, Fort Benning, and Phenix, Georgia Civilian Military Council; the A. J. McChung YMCA Board of Directors; the Muscogee County Rotary Club; the Georgia Municipal Association, and a proud lifetime member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity.

Mr. Faulk was an active volunteer for many organizations and projects, including serving as volunteer sponsor of the Richland Annual Pig Fest, the Stewart County Historical Society, and Habitat for Humanity. In 1993, he was honored as one of the Fifty Most Influential African Americans in the Columbus, Phenix, and Fort Benning Area. In 1996, he was honored when the city of his birth, Cairo, proclaimed December 1 as "Olan Faulk Day."

A true Christian, Mr. Faulk was a faithful member of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal, AME, Church of Richland, where he served as a church steward and trustee. He later joined the Resurrection of Our Lord Catholic Church in Savannah, where he remained an active member.

Mr. Faulk is survived by his loving family: his wife, Risco Faulk; his son, Wendell Faulk of Buena Vista, Georgia; four daughters, Vickie Faulk Clemons of McDonough, Georgia; Angela Mobley Chavis, Marilyn Mobley Geiger, and Carolyn Mobley Pierce, all of Savannah; his brother, Outley Faulk of Milledgeville, Georgia; 15 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, and many friends.

Mr. Speaker, Olan Faulk was a great public servant, model citizen, and a trusted friend to my wife, Vivian, and me. His years of selfless service to his community, the State of Georgia, and America are his lasting legacy.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my practice to vote present on a legislative proposal when I agree with the purposes and sentiment behind the proposal, but I believe that the particular legislative proposal is not drafted in a way which will achieve its objective or in a way that is effective and practicable, or where I believe that the language will have unintended consequences. I voted present on the motion to recommit which came before the House today. I strongly believe that we should take all reasonable steps to encourage com-

panies to provide employment in the U.S. and to discourage offshoring and outsourcing.

HONORING COLONEL DENISE K. LEW

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to herald the achievements of Colonel Denise K. Lew and to acknowledge our pride in her valuable contributions to the United States Air Force Medical Service.

Colonel Lew was born and raised in the San Francisco Bay Area. She entered active duty in 1984 through a direct commission into the Air Force Medical Service Corps (MSC). She is a board certified Health Care Executive, and a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives. She has also earned designations as a Health Insurance Associate and Managed Healthcare Professional from The Center for Insurance Education and Professional Development, which is an educational program offered by America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP).

Colonel Lew has received numerous awards and honors throughout her career. Among them are the: Defense Superior Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal, and Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with three oak leaf clusters. In 1996, she received the American College of Healthcare Executives Early Career Regent's Award. Also, in 2002, she earned the Air Force Materiel Command Commitment to Service Award.

Colonel Lew will be completing an outstanding 26-year career in the United States Air Force in January 2011. She has served with dedication and honor as a Medical Service Corps officer. Furthermore, as the Director of the Medical Service Corps, she has greatly impacted the careers of hundreds of health care executives in the Corps and will influence several generations beyond the tenure of her career. Her efforts have enhanced the medical capability needed to ensure success in overseas contingency operations. It is for this reason that we would like to honor and recognize the remarkable career of Colonel Lew.

The Tampa community and MacDill Air Force Base are proud to recognize Colonel Lew for her outstanding career and her many significant contributions to the Air Force and our country. Her determination and hard work have made her an inspirational leader within our Air Force.

HONORING MR. SETH WILLIAMS, PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND RESPECTED COMMUNITY LEADER

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor District Attorney Seth Williams for his service and dedication to the City of Philadelphia and the surrounding community.

Raised in West Philadelphia by his loving parents Imelda and Rufus Williams, Mr. Williams graduated from Central High School in 1985. He later attended Pennsylvania State University, where he served as President of the Black Caucus and President of the Undergraduate Student Government. He continued on to graduate studies at Georgetown University where he earned his law degree.

After law school, he served ten years as the assistant district attorney of Philadelphia and as the Inspector General for the city until 2008.

Mr. Williams' dedication and drive proved vital on his path to the District Attorney's office. His perseverance pushed him through last year's Democratic primary and the general election last November. Mr. Williams' election made him the first black District Attorney in Philadelphia history.

District Attorney Williams currently lives in Philadelphia with his wife, Sonita, his mother Imelda, and his two daughters, Taylor and Hope. I am pleased that Mr. Williams will soon be honored as a community leader by the Rutgers School of Law-Camden at the Champions of Social Justice and Equality Banquet.

Mr. Speaker, Seth Williams has an impressive record and I wish him continued successes in his future endeavors.

HONORING ROGER MILLIKEN

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Roger Milliken, a dear friend and true champion of American workers and manufacturing. Roger passed away on December 30 after a long life of hard work and passionate advocacy. His passing signals the end of an era when corporate leaders valued more than profits and when American companies did not jump at the first chance to ship jobs overseas just to save a buck.

Milliken was larger than life in many ways. He had many passions and lived vibrantly. We are fortunate for this, because it means his legacy will still be here to inspire us to do more and work harder. It will also remind us to never give up on U.S. manufacturing and the idea that you can make things in America.

In fact, it was Roger's commitment to American manufacturing that sparked our friendship. About six years ago, Roger came to my office on Capitol Hill without any previous introduction. He walked into my office nearly unannounced at the respectable age of 90 to shake hands and talk about our common concerns with U.S. trade policy's impact on our manufacturing sector. He introduced himself and forged a friendship with me, a new and far-from-senior Member of Congress, simply because he wanted to thank me for my attention to manufacturing and trade and to encourage me to continue the fight to make U.S. policy on both issues better.

One funny anecdote in particular speaks to Roger's honest, friendly character. I couldn't be at an event one morning, so one of my staff went in my place. Roger was at the event, and listened to my staffer's speech, which she had to give sitting down because she didn't feel well. After her remarks, Roger

went up to her and seeing that she wasn't feeling very good and knowing she had recently gotten married, said, "have you considered the possibility that you're pregnant." My staffer had not even considered that idea but a few days later confirmed that Roger's prediction had been right. And that's the kind of guy he was, compassionate and honest in the best way. Now everyone knows Roger Milliken had enormous foresight, but this took it to a whole new level.

Our friendship was not an obvious one. Roger was a mill owner, and before I came to Congress I was a mill worker. Roger was a Republican, and I am a Democrat. He lived a long life in South Carolina, and I come from Maine. Still, Roger was the kind of guy who looked for commonalities, regardless of the number of differences. And we shared a commitment to fixing U.S. trade policy and promoting U.S. manufacturing.

Roger truly believed in innovation and hard work as the keys to being good at making things. And he believed in a corporate code of morals. He rolled up his sleeves, got involved in the day-to-day workings of his company and pushed his employees to do the best work they could. And through these qualities, he created the largest privately held textile empire in the world. He also became a pioneer of corporate patriotism and firmly held the belief that profits didn't have to come at the expense of American jobs. He believed the strength of our nation relied on a strong manufacturing base. He lived what he preached.

One story is very telling about Roger's commitment to his country and to his employees. In 1995, one of his plants in LaGrange, Georgia burned to the ground. This tragedy happened right after NAFTA had passed, and it would have been a perfect opportunity to move his plant to Mexico to take advantage of lower labor costs. But he did not do that. Instead, Roger found temporary jobs for all of his employees and said he would have the plant up and running again in 6 months. He moved down to LaGrange to personally oversee the rebuilding of the plant, and in true Roger form, the plant was back up and operational right on schedule.

It's unlikely there will ever be another Roger Milliken. He was truly one-of-a-kind. But our country needs more leaders like him who are guided by principles and not by profits. It needs more corporations who are committed to their country. More who believe that the best solution is not always the easiest solution but that hard work and creativity will forge a better, more sustainable path. We need more corporations to carry Roger's torch of corporate patriotism and a commitment to making things in America.

I urge all of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to work with me to remember Roger Milliken. Through bipartisan, collaborative efforts to promote American manufacturing and to fix our trade policy, we can make the most of the paths he forged and the standards he set. We can honor him in the way he would have wanted to be honored: by being more innovative, working harder and advancing the notion that corporate patriotism is better and more sustainable for all Americans.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in expressing sincerest condolences to Roger's family, Milliken Company and Associates, all of his community in South Carolina, to his co-advocates in the manufacturing and trade commu-

nity and all those who were blessed to know him. He will be missed.

HONORING FREDERICK "RICK" OBER, RESPECTED WOODROW WILSON HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Rick Ober for his service to the students of Woodrow Wilson High School.

A graduate of Rutgers School of Law-Camden, Mr. Ober practiced criminal law in Southern New Jersey and Pennsylvania prior to beginning his teaching career. He currently teaches U.S. history, urban studies, civics and government at Woodrow Wilson High School in Camden.

Mr. Ober also leads the school's award-winning New Jersey Model Congress Team and acts as an advisor for the student government. Additionally, he was elected as the union head for Woodrow Wilson's Camden Education Association.

Mr. Ober is also a founder of the Woodrow Wilson High School Candidate's Forum, a program that brings politicians, including Senator Arlen Specter and Governor Jon Corzine, into the school to discuss current political issues with the students. Incorporating his love of music and teaching, Mr. Ober is involved with the Symphony in C of Haddonfield both through performance and education. Mr. Ober has also brought classical music education to underserved communities through the Classroom Symphony Project. Mr. Ober helped to develop a program that prepared developmentally disabled adults to attend symphony performances.

I am happy to announce that Mr. Ober will soon be honored as a community leader by Rutgers School of Law-Camden at the Champions of Social Justice and Equality Banquet.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Mr. Ober for his work with the students of Woodrow Wilson High School and his efforts to bring government to life for the children of Camden.

HONORING RALPH GILL UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Mr. Ralph Gill, for his exceptional service to the Parish of Rapides on the occasion of his retirement as Tax Assessor. After 42 years of service in the Rapides Parish Assessor's Office, Mr. Gill's retirement becomes effective January 31, 2011.

While in this capacity, Mr. Gill served as assessor for the past 16 years and credits the work as both a challenging and rewarding experience that has more than fulfilled his life's goal of serving the public. He is very proud of his accomplishments during his tenure as Tax Assessor and is grateful to the people of Rapides Parish for the confidence and support they gave him throughout his career. Mr. Gill

believes his success would not have been possible without the support of the outstanding men and women he has worked with throughout the years.

Following his rewarding career of community service, he looks forward to spending more time with his wife, children and grandchildren. He also plans to work on his farm and possibly enjoy some traveling.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Ralph Gill, a man who has served the people of Rapides Parish for over four decades. His commitment, compassion and leadership warrant this laudable recognition.

INTRODUCING LEGISLATION TO MAKE THE DEDUCTION FOR STATE AND LOCAL SALES TAXES PERMANENT

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today I introduced legislation that would make the deduction for state and local sales taxes permanent. Unlike state income taxes, the deductibility of which has long been a permanent fixture of the tax code, the citizens in states with only a sales tax—including my home state of Florida—have been forced to rely on short-term extensions of the sales tax deduction from year to year.

Without this deduction, taxpayers in the nine states with no state income tax, including Alaska, Florida, Nevada, New Hampshire, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Washington, and Wyoming, would not have the opportunity to deduct from their federal tax obligation the sales taxes paid to their state and local governments. This measure helps to level the playing field for the taxpayers in these states, allowing them to deduct state taxes like those in income tax states. Making this deduction permanent enjoys broad bipartisan support, and more than 11 million taxpayers utilized this deduction in 2008.

Making the deduction permanent provides certainty to the taxpayers, allows for more efficient financial planning, and ensures fairness in the tax code for taxpayers in states without an income tax.

In closing, I urge the Committee on Ways and Means to consider this proposal as they begin to consider ways to make the tax code simpler and more efficient.

IN RECOGNITION OF MICHELE JACKSON

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Michele Jackson, Executive Director of Shelter Network for the last 10 years. Michele is a true professional and has been an exceptional leader of this wonderful agency. Shelter Network, a godsend to our country, has helped thousands of homeless families and individuals in San Mateo County find homes and become self-sufficient since 1987.