

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.

As a member of the advisory board I have witnessed how Michele and Shelter Network have turned lives around and reintegrated homeless families into our community.

She initiated the designing, opening and maintaining of shelters that meet the needs of homeless families. In 2000, she oversaw the rebuilding and reopening of Haven Family House in Menlo Park. She led campaigns to rebuild First Step for Families in San Mateo in 2004 and to renovate Redwood Family House in Redwood City in 2006.

Michele has turned Shelter Network into a model organization for our community, our county and the world. Under her guidance, services for homeless families and individuals have expanded and new ones created, among them the Motel Voucher and Homeless Outreach programs, The Vendome which houses chronically homeless adults, rapid re-housing and prevention initiatives like Housing First and HPRP, mental health services for children and the Shelter Network's Alumni Association.

In addition to running Shelter Network, Michele has dedicated her time and energy to volunteer for many worthy causes. She is a board member of HEART, the Housing Endowment and Regional Trust, and of Local Emergency Food and Shelter FEMA/EHAP. Michele is the Chair of the Executive Committee for the San Mateo County Continuum of Care, a member of the Interagency Council for HOPE: San Mateo County's 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness. She also is a member of CHRAC, the Community Health Reform Advocacy Committee, and San Mateo County's Housing Operations and Policy Committee. Michele serves as the secretary and board member of Riley's Place, a non-profit organization dedicated to enrich the lives of low-income or chronically ill children through interaction with animals.

Michele's altruism and dedication to those in need have earned her many friends and fans—including myself—and well deserved awards. In 2003, she received the Heart of Social Work Award from the National Council on Social Work Education for excellence in field instruction. In 2010, she was presented with the Housing Leadership Day Award by San Mateo County's Housing Leadership Council.

Michele earned both her Bachelor and Masters of Social Work from San Francisco State University.

She lives in Belmont with her husband Bill Jackson. I have no doubt she will stay engaged in the community during her retirement and find more time to enjoy her family, ride her horse Tywy, spend time with her new puppy, travel and read.

Mr. Speaker, I ask this body to join me in honoring Michele Jackson for her decade as Executive Director of Shelter Network and for her three decades in social work on this day of her retirement, January 26, 2011.

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IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM  
BOLDENWECK

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 25, 2011*

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor William Boldenweck, who leaves behind an extraordinary legacy as a journalist and teacher. Mr. Boldenweck passed away January 11, 2011, at the age of 79 and is survived by his wife Lynn Boldenweck and two sons William C. Boldenweck III and Stephen Boldenweck.

Mr. Boldenweck spent over three decades as a reporter for the San Francisco Examiner and two decades as a journalism teacher at San Francisco State University. He started his journalism career after his military career with the U.S. Marine Corps reserve.

Mr. Boldenweck, a Portland, Oregon native, was called up in the Korean War in 1950. He was in combat in the Inchon invasion, a battle that recaptured Seoul. He was also at the legendary battle at Chosin Few, the decisive battle of the Korean War. He never missed a reunion of that veterans group.

After the war, Mr. Boldenweck enrolled in San Francisco City College and San Francisco State University. He became a reporter at the Marin Independent Journal and was quickly snatched by the Examiner in 1960.

Mr. Boldenweck was a classic newspaper reporter, the kind that are far and few between today. His colleagues admired his ability as a journalist saying he could cover any story and was the best barroom story teller of his generation. He was also loved by his friends for his affable personality.

On the first day of class every semester at San Francisco State University, he shocked his beginning journalism students by making them write their own obituaries. His justification for that was that it would help them impart the reality of journalism and make them focus on the facts that matter.

At the end of his own life, though, he left the writing of his obituary to his fellow reporters.

Mr. Speaker, I ask this body to join me in honoring an extraordinary man of letters, William Boldenweck, who I was blessed to call a friend, for his service to our country and for his dedication and contributions to the profession of journalism.