

is not election administration, but rather enforcing federal campaign laws. In a letter to the House Administration Committee, the FEC noted that they could "contract with outside groups to fulfill aspects of the EAC's responsibilities." Facilitating free and fair elections is an inherently governmental function that should not be outsourced.

The world's leading democracy should not affix a price on free and fair elections, but that is exactly what Congress does in this legislation. In effect, H.R. 672 says that preventing another crisis like the one we saw during the 2000 presidential election—where millions of Americans did not have their ballots counted due to failed voting machines—is too expensive and is not a priority.

It is deeply ironic that just as Florida—the state responsible for the bulk of voter complications in 2000 that prompted Congress to pass the Help America Vote Act—signs into law onerous voter registration requirements, Congress is dismantling a bipartisan solution that helped ensure the effective administration of elections.

This is a politicized bill that is well wide of the mark of true government reform. Simply repealing the EAC, like Republicans did with the Presidential Election Fund earlier this year, further undermines America's democracy and is a step in the wrong direction. I oppose this legislation.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SERVANT CHURCH OF SAINT ALEXANDER'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

### HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2011

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the parishioners of the Servant Church of St. Alexander on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of service to the residents of Southeast Michigan.

Originally named the Church of St. Alexander, the Parish was founded on June 21, 1961 at 27835 Shiawassee Road in Farmington Hills, where it remains to this very day. Founded with 600 participating families, the Church has experienced both times of trial and prosperity in its life, but has always remained strong with dedicated parishioners who have worked hard to strengthen their community. St. Alexander has been led by four different pastors during its 50 years in Farmington Hills and under the leadership of the Reverend Robert McGrath. St. Alexander has continued to flourish and bring in congregants from well beyond its own parish, with almost half of its members coming from outside the Parish.

The hallmark of St. Alexander is its service programs—first fully realized under Reverend James Wright, who served as pastor for 25 years and weaved service into the very fabric of the Servant Church of St. Alexander. Under his leadership St. Alexander launched its food pantry which has operated for over 25 years and fed nearly 2,600 hungry families in 2010 alone. In addition, the Church also collects and distributes food baskets on Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas to assist families in need during the holidays.

While St. Alexander's food pantry and holiday food drives deeply impact many in our community, it is not the full extent of the charitable work in which the Church and its parishioners are engaged. Every spring the parish puts together teams that support Rebuilding Oakland County, a program that assists low income home owners with much needed renovations and improvements across Oakland County. The parishioners of St. Alexander also support annual blood drives and even take a percentage of the Church's weekend collections and send them to the local chapter of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, an organization that provides service to individuals and families in need.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Servant Church of St. Alexander and the remarkable impact its parishioners have had on so many residents in our Southeast Michigan community. The parishioners' commitment to serving our community is truly a most valued virtue at a time when so many families in Michigan are struggling. I congratulate the parishioners and leaders of St. Alexander on achieving this great milestone and wish them many more years of fellowship and productive service to our community.

THE BROUGHTON HIGH SCHOOL BAND OF RALEIGH, NC HEADS BACK TO THE TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE

### HON. RENEE L. ELLMERS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2011

Mrs. ELLMERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Broughton High School Band of Raleigh, North Carolina and Band Director Mr. Jeffrey "JR" Richardson.

The Needham B. Broughton High School in Raleigh will be representing North Carolina and the Mid-Atlantic States for the 2012 Tournament of Roses Parade. In an almost unheard of occurrence, the Broughton Band has been invited back after their successful 2008 Parade showing. Being invited back after only 4 years is a great accomplishment considering that most bands, if ever asked back, are usually asked back many years later. The Broughton Band was one of three bands that made it through the entire 6 mile parade in 2008 without one student having to leave the parade route early; the only other two bands were the Marine Band and the Virginia Military Institute Band. The students of the Broughton High School Band have not only worked very hard to be invited back to the Tournament of Roses Parade, but they have also raised the money to pay their own way to California.

I am very pleased to recognize the Broughton High School Band of Raleigh, North Carolina for this prestigious invite. I wish them the best as they continue their preparation for this exciting event. An event of this magnitude is certainly something in which the school, the students, and the state of North Carolina can have great pride.

CONGRATULATING SKYLER JAMES REESE FOR OBTAINING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

### HON. SANDY ADAMS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2011

Mrs. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Skyler James Reese for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

As the son of a retired Air Force officer, Skyler showed his determination to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout by continuing his scouting in five different states where he had to prove himself each time. Throughout the history of the Boy Scouts of America, the rank of Eagle Scout has only been attained through dedication to concepts such as honor, duty, country and charity. By applying these concepts to daily life, Skyler has proven his true and complete understanding of their meanings, and thereby deserves this honor.

I offer my congratulations on a job well done and best wishes for the future.

HONORING SENIOR OFFICER JOHNNY JONES OF THE GRAPEVINE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR 31 YEARS OF SERVICE

### HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2011

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great honor to rise today to recognize Senior Officer Johnny Jones of the Grapevine Police Department. Mr. Jones is a dedicated public servant who is retiring after 31 years of remarkable service to the Grapevine community.

Mr. Jones was born in Denton, Texas, spending his childhood and youth growing up in Grapevine. Soon after graduating from Grapevine High School, Mr. Jones took a position on June 19, 1980 with the Grapevine Police Department as a dispatcher. On June 16, 1981, upon completing the police academy, Mr. Jones was appointed to the Grapevine Police Department. Since then, Mr. Jones has attained the highest level of law enforcement certification as a Texas Peace Officer and Master Peace Officer by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education. A critical member of the Grapevine Police Department, Mr. Jones has served in various roles. These include the positions of dispatcher, patrol officer, motorcycle officer, detective, and crime prevention officer.

In 1998, Mr. Jones left the police department to join the City of Grapevine's Information Technology Department as a customer service manager. One year later, Mr. Jones returned to the police force with added skills and expertise. Not long after returning to the police force he became a Certified Forensic Computer Examiner, one of only approximately 700 in the world. Mr. Jones has used his expert knowledge and skills in forensic computer examination to aid the Grapevine Police Department in capturing numerous on-line sexual predators and other felons.

Over the course of his 31-year career, Mr. Jones has remained committed to the service and protection of the City of Grapevine and its

residents. I ask all of my colleagues to join me in recognizing Senior Officer Jones for his distinguished career with the Grapevine Police Department.

#### AWARENESS OF DUCHENNE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY

#### HON. JON RUNYAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 22, 2011*

Mr. RUNYAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to raise awareness about Duchenne muscular dystrophy.

Duchenne is a progressive muscle disorder for which there is no cure and affects boys disproportionately. According to Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy, the disease affects approximately 1 in 3,500 live male births. Conditions of the disease include deterioration of the muscle tissue, abnormal bone development, paralysis and eventually death.

Earlier this year, my office was contacted by several families from my district whose young sons are living with Duchenne.

Duchenne takes lives too quickly, but due in large part to research developments, there are signs of hope.

Over the last five years, Congress has appropriated \$157 million to the National Institutes of Health for Duchenne efforts. In 2010, the NIH awarded three grants specifically to New Jersey institutions totaling \$874,000.

Two of the grants were awarded to the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, to explore treatments for congenital diseases, and the third went to TRIM-Edicine, for research of protein therapies for muscular dystrophy.

I hope these and other innovations bring us closer to finding the answers that we need to help and even cure Duchenne MD.

#### HONORING THE ONE HUNDRED YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE BROOKLAWN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

#### HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 22, 2011*

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Brooklawn Fire Company for its 100 years of service to the citizens of Brooklawn. The brave men of the Brooklawn Fire Company have consistently displayed true heroism and commitment throughout the past century. I thank them for their service.

Founded in 1911, the Brooklawn Fire Company was originally two separate departments. After the Broadway Fire Company and Brooklawn Volunteer Company had served the area for a number of years, the two companies merged in order to increase efficiency and enhance coverage. On January 27, 1942, the two became the Brooklawn Volunteer Fire Company. Throughout this process, serving the community was always the top priority. To this day, the men of the Brooklawn Fire Company are active public servants and dedicated members of the community, sponsoring local events and fostering a sense of safety in the Borough of Brooklawn.

With 2 stations, 25 active members, and 15 inactive members, the Brooklawn Fire Company is committed to the community. As volunteers, these citizen fire fighters are often wrongly overlooked. They have dedicated their time and energy to uphold a simple promise: to answer the call of duty whenever the fire alarm rings. Their sense of community reaches far beyond the borders of Brooklawn. When neighboring towns call for help, the Brooklawn Fire Company stands ready to serve. Today, I honor these men for continuing and keeping a century long tradition of service alive and thriving. Their heroism and sacrifice are exemplary for the Borough of Brooklawn and the entire South Jersey community.

#### CONGRATULATING STEPHEN PHILIP SLADE FOR OBTAINING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

#### HON. SANDY ADAMS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 22, 2011*

Mrs. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Stephen Philip Slade for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Stephen showed his dedication to his community and to scouting by fixing and painting a rusted swing set for a local school in Merritt Island, Florida. Throughout the history of the Boy Scouts of America, the rank of Eagle Scout has only been attained through dedication to concepts such as honor, duty, country and charity. By applying these concepts to daily life, Christian has proven his true and complete understanding of their meanings, and thereby deserves this honor.

I offer my congratulations on a job well done and best wishes for the future.

#### HONORING DON MASSEY

#### HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 22, 2011*

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the extraordinary life of Don Massey and to mourn him upon his passing at the age of 83.

Born in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee on April 28, 1928 to Samuel Henry and Ila Marie Massey, Don became enamored of the automobile business when, at the age of 14, he took a summer job as a porter at a Jacksonville, Florida Dodge dealership. Ten years later Don, now married to his beloved Joyce, had moved to Michigan with \$300.00 and a love of cars. Employed at a used Desoto/Plymouth dealership in Wayne, this natural salesman moved on to Paul McGlone Chevrolet where he advanced to the position of General Manager within two years. Under his direction, McGlone became the number one Chevrolet dealership in the world from 1958 until 1960.

Deteriorating health and a stern warning from his doctor dictated Don make drastic changes to his heavy workload and, in 1960, he felt he had no choice but to retire. After several months, Mr. Massey felt well enough to begin a new venture and opened a very

successful used car lot of his own in 1961. Five years later, Don again retired, selling the lot, and moved to Plymouth, Michigan. Boredom quickly set in and Don bought "a little store that sold a couple hundred Oldsmobiles and fifty-sixty Cadillacs a year." He intended to work half days. A New Year's Day 1967 blizzard dropped several feet of snow and while digging out to inventory his stock, the indomitable Don sold seven cars. In a short time Don Massey Cadillac would become the top Cadillac dealer in the world, a title it would hold consistently.

A legendary salesman, Don believed in acquainting himself with his customers. His friendly approach brought him many a friend and sold many a car. In 1981, Don Massey acquired the second of his many dealerships when he purchased Capitol Cadillac located in Lansing, Michigan. Over the next decade he expanded his successful Southern charm to Colorado, Tennessee, Florida, North Carolina, Kentucky, California and Texas. When General Motors launched its Saturn brand, Massey opened the first of three Saturn dealerships in the Detroit area in 1990. Although he sold every brand under the General Motors umbrella, Don Massey became known as "The Cadillac King".

Don Massey believed in his employees and promoted from within. His distinctive Southern drawl was recognizable in radio commercials for his dealerships. While he was never one to micromanage his businesses, he always left an imprint of his unassuming, personable style, and was an active member of his community. He co-sponsored the Plymouth Ice Sculpture contest, held an open barbecue on the 4th of July and donated the lights to the Plymouth baseball park bearing his name. He wanted his wife Joyce to be remembered. Massey built a wing on the Colorado hospital she was treated in after a debilitating car accident and named it after her. Don partnered with the St. Joseph Mercy Health System to establish the Joyce M. Massey Traumatic Brain Injury Day Treatment Center. A beautiful garden at Madonna University, in my hometown of Livonia, also bears the late Joyce Massey's name.

As Don was nearing 70, offers to buy the colossal Massey conglomerate began. In 1998, he sold his three Saturn dealerships to General Motors. The next year GM bought his Ann Arbor Cadillac showroom but an offer to purchase the rest of the Massey holdings was rejected. Don sold his portfolio of sixteen dealerships in 2002 but he remained the voice of the dealership which still bears his name. One enduring piece of advice he shared, "Keep both feet firmly on the ground and don't over-extend yourself—socially or financially."

Sadly, on June 10, 2011, Don passed from this earthly world to his eternal reward. Reuniting in eternity with his beloved wife Joyce, daughter Joellen and brothers Tom and Sam Henry, Don is survived by his children Donald Jr. and Brenda, brother Bobby and sister Ruth.

Mr. Speaker, Don Massey will be long remembered as a dedicated husband, legendary businessman, philanthropist, community leader and above all as a friend. Don was a man who deeply treasured his family, friends, community and his country. Today, as we bid Don Massey farewell, I ask my colleagues to join me in mourning his passing and honoring his unwavering patriotism and legendary service to our community and our country.