

well. He earned both an undergraduate degree from Norfolk State University and a Master's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from North Carolina State University.

Colonel Quarles' outstanding military career is exceeded only by his devotion to his amazing family. It has been a pleasure to become acquainted with the Quarles family. I would also like to congratulate Colonel Quarles and his wonderful wife, Auratha, on their upcoming 25th wedding anniversary on July 5, 2011. They have two beloved children, Vincent and Alisha, who I also have the pleasure of knowing.

Mr. Speaker, from a very young age, Colonel Quarles has selflessly served his country and his fellow Americans. Thus far, his life has truly been a model of self-sacrifice and dedication to others. Since joining the Army Corps of Engineers Chicago District, Colonel Quarles has overseen numerous projects aimed at improving the quality of life for all those he serves. He has had an especially profound impact in Indiana's First Congressional District. Colonel Quarles has exhibited utmost concern for its residents and deserves our sincerest gratitude. I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring Colonel Vincent Quarles for his outstanding contributions and constant dedication to Indiana's First Congressional District.

CONGRATULATING COLONEL GINA  
M. GROSSO ON HER ELEVATION  
TO BRIGADIER GENERAL

**HON. JON RUNYAN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 23, 2011*

Mr. RUNYAN. Mr. Speaker, I humbly rise today to congratulate one of my constituents, Colonel Gina M. Grosso, on her elevation to the rank of Brigadier General. Brigadier General Grosso is currently the Joint Base and 87th Air Base Wing Commander at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst in my district. She entered the Air Force in 1986 as a ROTC distinguished graduate from Carnegie-Mellon University. She has held several command and staff positions throughout her career. Her command tours include Headquarters Squadron Section, Military Personnel Flight, Mission Support Squadron, and command of the Air Force's sole Basic Military Training Group. I am tremendously proud of Brigadier General Grosso and I know she will continue to serve her country with honor and distinction. Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Brigadier General Gina M. Grosso.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PREPARE  
ALL KIDS ACT OF 2011

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 23, 2011*

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, the value of investing in early education is clear: Early education lays the foundation for lifelong learning and prepares children to succeed academically and in life. Studies show that children who attend high-quality preschool are more

successful in school, more likely to graduate from high school, and thus more likely to become productive adults who contribute to the U.S. economy.

That is why today I am pleased to reintroduce the Prepare All Kids Act, which would assist states in providing at least one year of high-quality pre-kindergarten to children, with a focus on children from low-income families and children with special needs. This legislation ensures a high-quality learning environment by limiting classroom size to a maximum of 20 children and children-to-teacher ratios to no more than 10 to 1.

Introduced in the Senate by my colleague on the Joint Economic Committee, Sen. CASEY of Pennsylvania, I am happy to be introducing this House companion bill.

I urge my colleagues to support the Prepare All Kids Act and further invest in our nation's great resource—our children.

SALUTING SERVICE ACADEMY  
STUDENTS

**HON. SAM JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 23, 2011*

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary group of young men and women who have been chosen as future leaders in our armed forces by the prestigious United States service academies. It is a privilege to send such a fine group from the Third District of Texas to pursue a world-class education and serve our nation.

As we keep them and their families in our prayers, may we never forget the sacrifices they are preparing to make while defending our freedoms all across the globe. I am so proud of each one. God bless them and God bless America. I salute these young men and women.

The name and hometown of each appointee follows:

THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SERVICE  
ACADEMY BOUND STUDENTS CLASS OF 2015  
UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

1. Brianna Burnstad—Plano, Texas—Plano Senior High School
2. Kevin Carringer—Plano, Texas—Plano West Senior High School
3. SPC David Crossley—Plano, Texas—Plano Senior High School \*Prior active duty service in the U.S. Army as an E-4.
4. Christopher Gordon—Plano, Texas—Plano West Senior High School \*Attended Boston University
5. Corporal Benjamin Ridder—Allen, Texas—Allen High School \*Prior active duty service in the U.S. Army as an E-4.
6. Michael Roberto—Plano, Texas—Cistercian Preparatory School

UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

1. James Kennington—Plano, Texas—Plano West Senior High School
2. Amber Lowman—McKinney, Texas—McKinney High School
3. Ryan Martinez—Plano, Texas—Cistercian Preparatory School

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

1. Elizabeth Carpenter—Murphy, Texas—Plano East Senior High School
2. Emma Dridge—Allen, Texas—Allen High School
3. Joseph Hays—Plano, Texas—Plano West Senior High School

4. Jeffrey Herrera—Murphy, Texas—Wylie High School

5. Corbin Palmer—Frisco, Texas—Centennial High School \*Attended the U.S. Air Force Academy Preparatory School

UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY

1. Emily Boyson—Garland, Texas—Bishop Lynch High School
2. Kioumars Rezaie—Plano, Texas—Plano West Senior High School
3. Amanda Rigsby—Plano, Texas—Plano East Senior High School
4. Connor Willcox—McKinney, Texas—McKinney Boyd High School

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BILLY LONG**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 23, 2011*

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, May 23, Tuesday, May 24, Wednesday, May 25, Thursday, May 26 and Friday, May 27, I was in Joplin, Missouri, assisting my constituents as they work to recover from one of the deadliest tornados in United States history. I was able to interact directly with Federal Emergency Management Agency officials, including Administrator William Fugate, in trying to assist my constituents as best I could.

Due to this tragedy, I was unable to vote on any legislative measure this week.

On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass as Amended the Honoring American Veterans Act of 2011, Rollcall Vote No. 330, had I been present I would have voted "yes."

On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass as Amended the Restoring GI Bill Fairness Act of 2011, Rollcall Vote No. 331, had I been present I would have voted "yes."

On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 1657, Rollcall Vote No. 332, had I been present I would have voted "yes."

On Ordering the Previous Question, Rollcall Vote No. 333, had I been present I would have voted "yes."

On Agreeing to the Resolution H. Res. 269, Rollcall Vote No. 334, had I been present I would have voted "yes."

On Motion that the Committee Rise for H.R. 1216, Rollcall Vote No. 335, had I been present I would have voted "no."

On the amendment of Mr. TONKO of New York, Amendment No. 2 to H.R. 1216, Rollcall Vote No. 336, had I been present I would have voted "no."

On the amendment of Mr. CARDOZA of California, Amendment No. 9 to H.R. 1216, Rollcall Vote No. 337, had I been present I would have voted "no."

On the amendment of Ms. FOXX of North Carolina, Amendment No. 7 to H.R. 1216, Rollcall Vote No. 338, had I been present I would have voted "yes."

On Motion to Recommit with Instructions H.R. 1216, Rollcall Vote No. 339, had I been present I would have voted "no."

On Passage of H.R. 1216, to amend the Public Health Service Act to convert funding for graduate medical education in qualified teaching health centers from direct appropriations to an authorization of appropriations, Rollcall Vote No. 340, had I been present I would have voted "yes."

On Ordering the Previous Question for H. Res. 276, Providing for further consideration of

H.R. 1540, Rollcall Vote No. 341, had I been present I would have voted "yes."

On Agreeing to the Resolution, H. Res. 276, Providing for further consideration of H.R. 1540, Rollcall Vote No. 342, had I been present I would have voted "yes."

On the amendment of Ms. WOOLSEY of California, Amendment No. 2 to H.R. 1540, Rollcall Vote No. 343, had I been present I would have voted "no."

On the amendment of Mr. HUNTER of California, Amendment No. 12 to H.R. 1540, Rollcall Vote No. 344, had I been present I would have voted "no."

On the amendment of Mr. SARBANES of Maryland, Amendment No. 24 to H.R. 1540, Rollcall Vote No. 345, had I been present I would have voted "no."

On the amendment of Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut, Amendment No. 25 to H.R. 1540, Rollcall Vote No. 346, had I been present I would have voted "no."

On the amendment of Mr. COLE of Oklahoma, Amendment No. 27 to H.R. 1540, Rollcall Vote No. 347, had I been present I would have voted "yes."

On the amendment of Mr. GARAMENDI of California, Amendment No. 28 to H.R. 1540, Rollcall Vote No. 348, had I been present I would have voted "no."

On the amendment of Ms. MALONEY of New York, Amendment No. 26 to H.R. 1540, Rollcall Vote No. 349, had I been present I would have voted "no."

On the amendment of Mr. HIMES of Connecticut, Amendment No. 30 to H.R. 1540, Rollcall Vote No. 350, had I been present I would have voted "no."

On the amendment of Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas, Amendment No. 31 to H.R. 1540, Rollcall Vote No. 351, had I been present I would have voted "no."

On the amendment of Mr. ANDREWS of New Jersey, Amendment No. 32 to H.R. 1540, Rollcall Vote No. 352, had I been present I would have voted "no."

On the amendment of Mr. RICHMOND of Louisiana, Amendment No. 37 to H.R. 1540, Rollcall Vote No. 353, had I been present I would have voted "no."

On the amendment of Mr. MICA of Florida, Amendment No. 38 to H.R. 1540, Rollcall Vote No. 354, had I been present I would have voted "yes."

On the amendment of Mr. FLAKE of Arizona, Amendment No. 40 to H.R. 1540, Rollcall Vote No. 355, had I been present I would have voted "yes."

On the amendment of Mr. SMITH of Washington, Amendment No. 42 to H.R. 1540, Rollcall Vote No. 356, had I been present I would have voted "no."

On the amendment of Mr. BUCHANAN of Florida, Amendment No. 43 to H.R. 1540, Rollcall Vote No. 357, had I been present I would have voted "yes."

On the amendment of Ms. MALONEY of New York, Amendment No. 47 to H.R. 1540, Rollcall Vote No. 358, had I been present I would have voted "no."

On the amendment of Mr. MACK of Florida, Amendment No. 48 to H.R. 1540, Rollcall Vote No. 359, had I been present I would have voted "yes."

On the amendment of Mr. LANGEVIN of Rhode Island, Amendment No. 49 to H.R. 1540, Rollcall Vote No. 360, had I been present I would have voted "no."

On the amendment of Mr. AMASH of Michigan, Amendment No. 50 to H.R. 1540, Rollcall Vote No. 361, had I been present I would have voted "no."

On the amendment of Mr. CAMPBELL of California, Amendment No. 53 to H.R. 1540, Rollcall Vote No. 362, had I been present I would have voted "no."

On the amendment of Mr. CAMPBELL of California, Amendment No. 54 to H.R. 1540, Rollcall Vote No. 363, had I been present I would have voted "no."

On the amendment of Mr. CHAFFETZ of Utah, Amendment No. 56 to H.R. 1540, Rollcall Vote No. 364, had I been present I would have voted "no."

On the amendment of Mr. POLIS of Colorado, Amendment No. 60 to H.R. 1540, Rollcall Vote No. 365, had I been present I would have voted "no."

On the amendment of Mr. CONYERS of Michigan, Amendment No. 61 to H.R. 1540, Rollcall Vote No. 366, had I been present I would have voted "yes."

On the amendment of Mr. FLAKE of Arizona, Amendment No. 62 to H.R. 1540, Rollcall Vote No. 367, had I been present I would have voted "no."

On the amendment of Mr. ELLISON of Minnesota, Amendment No. 63 to H.R. 1540, Rollcall Vote No. 368, had I been present I would have voted "no."

On the amendment of Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, Amendment No. 64 to H.R. 1540, Rollcall Vote No. 369, had I been present I would have voted "no."

On the amendment of Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas, Amendment No. 111 to H.R. 1540, Rollcall Vote No. 370, had I been present I would have voted "yes."

On the amendment of Mr. TURNER of Ohio, Amendment No. 148 to H.R. 1540, Rollcall Vote No. 371, had I been present I would have voted "yes."

On the amendment of Mr. CRAVAACK of Minnesota, Amendment No. 152 to H.R. 1540, Rollcall Vote No. 372, had I been present I would have voted "yes."

On the amendment of Mr. MCGOVERN of Massachusetts, Amendment No. 55 to H.R. 1540, Rollcall Vote No. 373, had I been present I would have voted "no."

On Motion to Recommit with Instructions H.R. 1540, Rollcall Vote No. 374, had I been present I would have voted "no."

On Passage of H.R. 1540, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2012 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes, Rollcall Vote No. 375, had I been present I would have voted "yes."

On Motion to Concur in the Senate Amendment to the House Amendment, S. 990, the Small Business Additional Temporary Extension Act of 2011, Rollcall Vote No. 376, had I been present I would have voted "yes."

consideration the bill (H.R. 1249) to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform:

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Chair, I submit: (1) Manager's Statement on Supplemental Examination; (2) Manager's Statement on Genetic Test Study proposed in the Managers; (3) Statement on the codification of the Weldon amendment; (4) Statement on the business method patent transitional program; (5) Statement on the PTO fee compromise provision in the Manager's amendment; (6) November 2003 letter on the Weldon amendment from PTO Director James Rogan; (7) Information on the Weldon amendment from the Family Research Council.

CHAIRMAN'S FLOOR REMARKS/MANAGER'S STATEMENT: SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINATION IN H.R. 1249

Mr. Speaker, this bill also contains a very important new administrative proceeding available to patent owners, to help improve the quality of issued patents. This new "Supplemental Examination" procedure encourages the voluntary and proactive disclosure of information that may be relevant to patent prosecution for the Office to consider, reconsider, or correct. The voluntary disclosure by patentees serves to strengthen valid patents, while narrowing or eliminating patents or claims that should not have been issued. Both of these outcomes promote investment in innovation by removing uncertainty about the scope, validity or enforceability of patents, and thus the use of this new proceeding by patent owners is to be encouraged.

Subparagraph (C) relating to Supplemental Examination is intended to address the circumstance where, during the course of a supplemental examination or reexamination proceeding ordered under this section, a court or administrative agency advises the PTO that it has made a determination that a fraud on the Office may have been committed in connection with the patent that is the subject of the supplemental examination. In such a circumstance, subparagraph (C) provides that, in addition to any other actions the Director is authorized to take, including the cancellation of any claims found to be invalid under section 307 as a result of the reexamination ordered under this section, the Director shall also refer the matter to the Attorney General. As such, this provision is not intended to impose any obligation on the PTO beyond those it already undertakes, or require it to investigate or prosecute any such potential fraud. Subparagraph (C) is neither an investigative nor an adjudicative provision, and, as such, is not intended to expand the authority or obligation of the PTO to investigate or adjudicate allegations of fraud lodged by private parties.

Further, any referral under this subsection is not meant to relieve the Director from his obligation to conclude the supplemental examination or reexamination proceeding ordered under this section. It is important for the process to proceed through conclusion of reexamination, so that any claims that are invalid can be properly cancelled.

The decision to make referrals under subsection (c) is not meant to be delegated to examiners or other agents of the PTO, but rather is a determination that should only be made by the Director himself or herself.

Supplemental Examination has the potential to play a powerful role in improving patent quality and boosting investment in innovation, economic growth, and job creation. The Director should implement this new authority in a way that maximizes this potential.

## AMERICA INVENTS ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. LAMAR SMITH**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 22, 2011*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under