

Versailles allowed many Cuban-Americans to reconnect with their heritage.

For countless Cuban exiles, Versailles is much more than a restaurant.

It is a tangible piece of what they left behind when they fled Castro's gulag.

As a Cuban-American, I know the cultural and emotional link Versailles has with so many members of our community.

Versailles is a place where the Cuban community can come together and discuss topics as far ranging as politics, sports or the latest gossip or "chisme."

But Versailles has also become a destination for individuals from all backgrounds.

Its status as a cultural landmark has brought politicians, artists and celebrities of all stripes to its doors.

Today the Valls family is celebrating 40 years of Versailles.

Despite all their success, family is still the most important component in their lives.

It is also the reason why Versailles resonates with so many members of my community.

It reflects the love and devotion the Valls family has for one another and their community.

I congratulate Felipe Valls and the entire Valls family on this milestone.

REAFFIRMING COMMITMENT TO NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OF ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT

SPEECH OF

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Ms. LEE. Madam Speaker, I have always strongly supported Israel's security and rights as a nation, and I continue to support a two-state solution that would lead to the establishment of a Palestinian state, which is essential to achieving peaceful reconciliation among Israel, the Palestinians and their neighbors in the region. Consistent with those principles, yesterday I voted "present" on House Resolution 268 because it did not move the parties forward on negotiations or toward these goals. My concern has always been to bring the parties to the table so they can resolve their differences.

PROCLAMATION FOR CHIEF MICHAEL MOYER FOR TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE LACONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. FRANK C. GUINTA

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2011

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, on May 31, 2011, Chief Michael Moyer retired from the Laconia Police Department after twenty-seven years of faithful service. The Chief began his career as a Special Officer on January 3, 1984 and became a full time Police Officer the following February 11. After rising through the ranks, he was appointed the Chief of Police in Laconia on November 1, 2007 and served in

that position for the next three and one-half years.

Chief Moyer is a native of Laconia, New Hampshire and has dedicated his professional life toward the safety and wellbeing of his home town. Chief Moyer is a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy and is a recipient of the Congressional Law Enforcement Award for his actions involving the Hells Angels during the 1998 Motorcycle Week Rally. Among many noteworthy achievements, Chief Moyer is to be commended for starting Laconia's first Citizens Police Academy.

I congratulate Chief Moyer on his well earned retirement and thank him for his outstanding support of the community. I wish both Chief Moyer and his wife Robin continued success in their life together.

HONORING THE LIFE OF NADINE MCCAW

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2011

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Mrs. Nadine Driskell McCaw of Century, Florida who passed away on July 7, 2011. Nadine was a tremendous public servant committed to helping others, and I am humbled to commemorate her life.

Born 57 years ago, Nadine is a lifelong Century resident and graduated from Century High School in 1972. She worked at the Century Branch Library, and her life's passion was service to others. As a Century Town Council Member, Nadine worked to better the lives of those in her community. She was an avid supporter of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life and numerous other causes. Nadine and her husband Eddie were married for more than 39 years.

Four years ago, Nadine was diagnosed with invasive cancer and given six months to live by doctors. She survived and went on to continue her service as Councilwoman and active community member. Her smile touched all of those who had the pleasure of her company, and her service to the Town of Century will not be forgotten. Nadine was a dedicated, courageous, and loving person, and it is with a heavy heart that we acknowledge her passing to be in God's hands.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to honor the life of Nadine McCaw. My wife Vicki and I offer our prayers for her husband, Eddie, her children, Juanita Watson and Felicia Jones, eight grandchildren, and entire extended family. She will be missed by all of us.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2011

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and so I missed rollcall vote No. 502 on Representative BARBARA LEE's amendment to the 2012 Defense Appropriations Act

to "strike \$33,000,124,000 from title IX and increase the Spending Reduction Account by the same amount" in order to redeploy U.S. armed forces out of Afghanistan by the end of 2012. Had I been present, I would have voted "Yes."

HONORING KERA-TV (CHANNEL 13)

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2011

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor KERA-TV and Radio, a broadcasting station in Dallas, Texas, for 50 years of quality programming on the air.

In the late 1950's, in my home of North Texas, community leaders, educators and owners of commercial television stations had a vision to build a television station centered around educational issues. KERA Channel 13 went on the air in late 1960 with only a few programs intended for teachers and students. Since then, KERA-TV has grown and has evolved to carry a full slate of public television programs and independent productions, including an extensive lineup of weekday programs committed to the intellectual and social development of children.

KERA expanded its outreach and founded its public radio station 90.1 (KERA FM) which went on the air in 1974, serving Dallas, Fort Worth and Denton. KERA FM has a news and information format. The station's own productions include reports and specials from the KERA news staff, Think with Kryss Boyd and Anything You Ever Wanted to Know with Jeff Whittington.

A second radio station, KKXT 91.7 FM, with a music format, began broadcasting in late 2009 to the greater Dallas, Fort Worth and Denton metropolitan area. This station's programming is also streamed online at kxt.org. To celebrate its 50th anniversary, KERA-TV will be airing vintage episodes of shows, documentaries and concerts from its archives on select Friday and Sunday nights through the end of 2011.

Mr. Speaker, my community has benefitted immensely from the quality programming of KERA-TV and radio. I congratulate them on 50 years of excellence in public broadcasting.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY SPECTRUM AND WIRE- LESS INNOVATION ACT

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2011

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, along with my good friend and colleague, Congressman GENE GREEN of Texas, I am introducing the Public Safety Spectrum and Wireless Innovation Act today to address the sensible and long neglected needs of public safety. This legislation builds on S. 911, Senators ROCKEFELLER and HUTCHISON's outstanding bipartisan bill, which was recently reported favorably by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Congressman GREEN's and my bill do all the same things as S. 911. It allocates the D-Block free of charge to public safety and establishes a framework for the deployment of a nationwide, interoperable, wireless broadband network for public safety. The bill also establishes a funding mechanism to ensure the construction, maintenance, and upgrade of this network. It has been nearly 10 years since 9/11, and Congressman GREEN and I find it disgraceful that public safety has neither sufficient spectrum nor a national interoperable network to use. Our bill will remedy that and help public safety better protect American lives.

The one important difference between our bill and its Senate companion is that ours builds in stricter conditions and requirements for a voluntary incentive auction of broadcaster spectrum. Our bill, like S. 911, seeks to tackle the Nation's growing need for wireless spectrum, but ours makes explicit that the Commission may conduct only one incentive auction, that broadcasters not be coerced into relinquishing spectrum, and that broadcasters be fully compensated for costs associated with repacking. Congressman GREEN and I have sought answers from the Federal Communications Commission about the effects of broad incentive auction authority on broadcasters and consumers. The Commission has provided us little assurance that these effects will not be far-reaching and negative, so Congressman GREEN and I feel compelled to include more rigid protections in our bill.

Mr. Speaker, this is a strong bill and one worthy of the entire House's support. I would note that this bill has been endorsed by many stakeholders, including the Communications Workers of America (CWA), the Public Safety Alliance (PSA), APCO, the National Association of Sheriffs (NSA), and the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB). I urge my colleagues to join with Congressman GREEN and me in supporting public safety and addressing our country's critical spectrum needs by co-sponsoring the Public Safety Spectrum and Wireless Innovation Act.

A TRIBUTE TO PATROLMAN WILL
PHILLIPS

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2011

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the life of Patrolman William Edward (Will) Phillips III of Greenfield, Indiana who died on September 20, 2010 while serving the city of Greenfield.

Will's life was one dedicated to duty. After graduating from Elwood Community High School in 1996, he promptly joined the United States Marine Corps, where he served from 1996–2000. Upon his return, he entered the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy, graduating 5th out of 163 students. Will served with the McCordsville Police Department before joining the Greenfield Police Department, where he served on both the Bike Patrol and SWAT Team, dedicating himself to the force for the past 4½ years. Will's commitment for this community is something we can all be proud of.

On September 30, 2010 Officer Phillips and two other members of the bike patrol team

had just finished their shift and were conducting a training ride on department-issued bicycles. While riding westbound on U.S. 40, at approximately 12:45 am, Will was struck from behind by a vehicle, which then fled the scene. Although all of the officers took the proper safety measures, Will sadly lost his life.

This past weekend, during the 6th Annual Indiana Fallen Heroes Memorial Ride in Indianapolis, Hoosiers came out to honor our fallen Police, Firefighters, Military and emergency first responders. Fellow Officers were in attendance to honor Will and keep his memory alive. He will be deeply missed, but the strength of his character and the courage he demonstrated through his service will live on.

Patrolman Will Phillips, husband of 7 years, father of two, and U.S. Marine Corps Veteran was and forever will be an All-American hero whose dedication to the force, determination and selflessness continue to serve our country and inspire our hearts. Today, we salute you.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 8, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2354) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes:

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Chair, I would like to express my appreciation to the Chair and Ranking Member of the Energy and Water Development Subcommittee for the work they and the subcommittee staff have done in developing the FY12 Energy and Water Appropriations bill.

It is impossible to make everyone happy when the fiscal reality requires reductions, but at a time when we borrow 40 cents for every dollar we spend we need to be willing to set priorities and make difficult decisions.

The bill before us makes responsible investments in energy research and development and it funds critical waterway infrastructure improvements, but it does it in a responsible and sustainable manner. One of the lessons that we all should have learned over the past several years is that it is in nobody's interest to expand budgets at an unsustainable rate. We are now faced with the unpleasant task of trimming back the budget to remove the excesses of the past several years so that we can get back to a responsible baseline.

The Energy and Water Development Appropriations Subcommittee has always worked in a bipartisan basis to address the energy and infrastructure challenges facing our nation, and I believe that this product is better for the cooperative and problem-solving approach of both the staff and subcommittee members. It is an honor for me to be able to serve on this subcommittee, and I am pleased to be able to support this bill.

I would also like to speak directly to the Administration and NRC Chairman Gregory Jaczko. I'm deeply concerned that Chairman

Jaczko has allowed politics to influence the NRC's decisions, and in my opinion, in order to restore public confidence in the NRC, the Chairman should step aside. Absent that, the President and Chairman Jaczko should take note that the bill we are passing contains funding to continue with the Yucca Mountain repository and the associated licensing activities in the NRC.

Congress is making a statement here: continuing funding of Yucca is the fiscally responsible thing to do to prevent billions of dollars in future liability and to ensure that the \$15 billion already invested has not been wasted.

Again, I want to express my appreciation for Chairman FRELINGHUYSEN, Ranking Member VISCLOSKY, and the subcommittee staff for the fine work they have done this year.

HONORING DR. ELLEN C. WEAVER

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2011

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Ellen C. Weaver who passed away May 14, 2011. Dr. Weaver was a modern-day Renaissance woman who was a world-class scientist as well as an artist, musician, environmentalist, skier, cook, and beloved wife and mother.

Dr. Weaver received her BA in Chemistry from Flora Stone Mather College at Western Reserve University in 1945 and worked as an analytical chemist for the Manhattan Project where she joined her physicist husband, Harry Weaver after their marriage in 1946. After World War II, the couple moved west to attend Stanford University, where she earned her MS in Chemistry followed by a Ph.D. in genetics from U.C. Berkeley. She had a life-long career as a research plant physiologist, including a collaboration with Jacques Cousteau at NASA Ames Research Center helping to map the photosynthetic productivity of fishing areas off the South American coast.

Joining the faculty of San Jose State University, Dr. Weaver taught plant physiology, served as Director of the San Jose State University Foundation and as Interim Executive Vice President. Retiring from teaching in 1991, she held the position for two years of Associate Dean for Development for the University. She also served on the boards of many professional societies and tirelessly promoted the advancement of women in science.

As a political liberal and dedicated environmentalist with a passion for preservation of redwoods, Dr. Weaver was active as Chairman of the Board for Sempervirens Fund and was a member of the science advisory committee for the Save the Redwoods League.

With her husband Harry and their three children—Lynne, Mark, and Tom—Dr. Weaver lived in Portola Valley, CA, for most of her life before retiring to San Rafael in 2000.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating Dr. Ellen Weaver's full and rich life which touched countless people.