

Science in Business Administration and Accounting. He received his Law Degree from the University of Missouri—Kansas City. Ralph is currently President—Board of Directors of the Kansas City Downtown Minority Development Corporation, and the Vice President—Board of Directors of the Kansas City United Community Action Agency. He has served on multiple boards, including the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, the United Way of Greater Kansas City, the Salvation Army, the Greater Kansas City Urban League, Boys and Girls Club of Greater Kansas City, the Kansas City Repertory Theater, Oakwood College, Park University, and the Shawnee Mission Medical Center. He serves with me as a Trustee of the National World War I Museum Board. Mr. Reid was recognized by *Savoy Magazine* as one of the 100 Most Influential African Americans in Corporate America for 2010.

For those reasons and more, it is indeed an honor and privilege to recognize Mr. Reid's contributions to the State of Missouri and induct Mr. Ralph Reid into the Missouri Walk of Fame at its annual reception, hosted by myself and fellow Missourian, U.S. Representative WILLIAM LACY CLAY of St. Louis.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in expressing our appreciation to Mr. Ralph D. Reid and commending him on his induction into the Missouri Walk of Fame. Further, the entire State of Missouri is better because of his endless commitment to serving the residents of the State of Missouri and the Greater Kansas City Metropolitan Area. He is a true role model, not just to the African-American community in Missouri, but to the entire nation. May his success serve as a stepping stone for Kansas Citizens in general and African Americans in particular who are eager to become as successful in their chosen profession and community activism.

#### 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY

#### HON. CHRISTOPHER S. MURPHY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 15, 2011*

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th anniversary of Becton, Dickinson and Company (BD) in Canaan, CT. BD is an example of an innovative corporation who provides hard working Americans with high quality manufacturing jobs. Starting with only 8 associates in 1961 in a 25,000 square foot facility, BD's footprint in Canaan has expanded 8 times and now employs over 350 people, making it the largest employer in the community.

BD has been a world leader in medical technologies throughout the company's history. In 1925, BD patented the Yale Luer-Lok syringe, which provides a simple and secure way to lock a needle onto a syringe. To this day, the Luer-Lok connector is still the standard for syringes in the United States.

Continuing to revolutionize the medical industry, BD created the world's first disposable plastic syringe, the BD Plastipak, which was exclusively manufactured at the Canaan facility. The Canaan manufacturing facility in 2002 became the first site to manufacture BD's newest syringe, the BD Integra, which is

spring engineered to eliminate accidental needle-sticks and provide great dosing accuracy. The facility is the largest manufacturer of disposable syringes in the world, producing approximately two billion syringes annually.

Further, BD has been a great example of corporate social responsibility in Connecticut. The company served as the corporate sponsor for Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation in order to raise money in Northwest Connecticut for diabetes research. BD has donated generously to The United Way, and also mentors students from Housatonic Valley Regional High School. In 2007, BD was named to *Ethisphere Magazine's* inaugural list of most ethical companies, and has since placed on the list every year.

In reflection of the 50th anniversary of BD in Canaan, CT, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and honoring a company that has truly transformed the medical technology industry.

#### HONORING YOUTH WHO REPRESENT JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF SOUTH FLORIDA

#### HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 15, 2011*

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the outstanding youth who represent Junior Achievement of South Florida, and their effort to foster an understanding of the United States Constitution in our community.

Junior Achievement is a non-profit organization that provides thousands of students across the world with a series of business, economics, free-enterprise, and life-skills programs. In South Florida, the young people of Junior Achievement are truly shining through their work to bring the Spirit of Freedom Experience to the Junior Achievement World Huizenga Center at Broward College. Envisioned by President Ronald Reagan, the Spirit of Freedom Experience aims to boost reverence for the founding principles of our nation by presenting bronze plaque replicas of the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights to communities across America. The efforts of these Floridians will culminate during this year's Constitution Week as five plaques, representing our nation's founding documents, will be unveiled to the South Florida community.

Among those present to recognize the work of Junior Achievement and to commemorate the unveiling of these historical documents is Captain Scott F. O'Grady, an American whose career in the military epitomizes the spirit of public service. In a story of great perseverance, Captain O'Grady survived in hostile territory for six days after his aircraft was struck down by a Soviet missile during a NATO mission in Bosnia. All those present for the Spirit of Freedom experience will undoubtedly be inspired by Captain O'Grady's courage and commitment to country.

Junior Achievement's efforts to prepare young people to succeed as individuals and as citizens are truly commendable. It is an honor to recognize a group of young Americans who have already accomplished so much on behalf of our community by bringing the Spirit of Freedom Experience to South Florida.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 15, 2011*

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Mr. Speaker, due to an unforeseen delay earlier this week, I was unable to vote on the following bills: H.R. 2076, H.R. 2633, and H.R. 1059 that were rollcall vote numbers 699–701. Had I been present, I would have voted the following way: rollcall No. 699, H.R. 2076, Investigative Assistance for Violent Crimes Act of 2011, "yea"; rollcall No. 700, H.R. 2633, Appeal Time Clarification Act, "yea"; rollcall No. 701, H.R. 1059, To protect the safety of judges by extending the authority of the Judicial Conference to redact sensitive information contained in their financial disclosure reports, and for other purposes, "yea."

#### TRIBUTE TO USA NATIONAL TEAM AT THE 2011 RUGBY WORLD CUP

#### HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 15, 2011*

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the United States national rugby team, the Eagles, on their victory over Russia in the wee hours of this morning during the 2011 Rugby World Cup competition in New Zealand. Although rugby may not be as popular in the United States as many of our other sports, the Rugby World Cup is now established as the third biggest sporting event in the world behind the Olympic Games and FIFA World Cup for soccer.

The Eagles played their first match against Ireland on September 11 and lost to the much higher ranked team 22–10, after starting the day with a church service to commemorate the victims of the 9/11 attacks on the United States. I know this event held particular meaning for the members of the team from the Mid-Atlantic (MARFU) and Northeastern Rugby Union (NRU). Today's 13–6 win over Russia marks an important victory for the Eagles in their pool play at the tournament. I wish them the best of luck in their upcoming matches against Australia on September 23 and Italy just four days later.

My best wishes go to the host nation of New Zealand as they organize this event on the world stage for the second time in its 24 year history. At the inaugural Rugby World Cup in New Zealand in 1987 it is estimated 600,000 fans attended matches with 300 million people tuning in on television from 17 countries. The last World Cup in 2007, held in France, Scotland and Wales, saw 2.25 million fans filling the parks and 4 billion watching televised coverage from 200 nations. This year the numbers are expected to be even higher as the sport is growing in many countries, like ours, where it is the largest growing team sport on college and high school campuses across the nation. I wish New Zealand the best of luck and commend them for welcoming the millions of visitors to their shores for this spirited competition despite the devastating earthquakes suffered in Christchurch earlier this year.

I applaud the Eagle's victory today and commend each of these young men from across the country for the hard work and dedication they have committed representing our country at their sport's highest level.

Mr. Speaker I ask that you and my colleagues join me in congratulating the members of the U.S. national rugby team and wishing them continued success at the 2011 Rugby World Cup.

2011 Rugby World Cup USA Squad: Inaki Basauri; Chris Biller; Todd Clever; Patrick Danahy; Paul Emerick; Tai Enosa; Eric Fry; JJ Gagiano; Colin Hawley; Nic Johnson; Scott LaValla; Mike MacDonald; Nese Malifa; Matekitonga Moeakiola; Brian McClenahan; Takudzwa Ngwenya; James Paterson; Mike Petri; Shawn Pittman; Blaine Scully; Junior Sifa; Hayden Smith; Louis Stanfill; Andrew Suniula; Roland Suniula; Kevin Swiryn; Phillip Thiel; Tim Usasz; John van der Giessen; Chris Wyles.

#### OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

#### HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 15, 2011

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, today our national debt is \$14,683,910,471,705.99.

On January 6, 2009 the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$4,045,484,725,412.19 since then. This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

#### TRIBUTE TO NASA DRYDEN FLIGHT RESEARCH CENTER

#### HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 15, 2011

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Dryden Flight Research Center as it commemorates 30 years of space shuttle operations. Located at Edwards Air Force Base in California, Dryden is NASA's primary center for atmospheric flight research and operations and has been a vital component of the Space Shuttle Program.

Located in the western Mojave Desert, Edwards Air Force Base has been the site of 54 shuttle mission landings since 1981. Additionally, as a result of the important work done by the Dryden professionals, the skies over Dryden have been the site of major advancements in the design, capability, and safety of many state-of-the-art civilian and military aircraft.

Tirelessly committed to its mission of advancing technology and science through flight, Dryden's projects have been critical in carrying out NASA's missions of space exploration, space operations, scientific discovery, and aeronautical research and development. Some of these critical projects include managing the Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy (SOFIA) program, serving as the primary

alternate landing site for the space shuttle, and providing orbital support for the International Space Station.

The Dryden Flight Research Center has served a vital role by leading in aeronautics and space technology. Having enjoyed the experience of watching space shuttle landings firsthand, I am honored to recognize Dryden on its 30 years of operations now and for all its contributions to the Space Shuttle Program.

#### RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF MR. OLLIE W. GATES

#### HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 15, 2011

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I proudly rise today in recognition of the achievements of Mr. Ollie W. Gates, a businessman, humanitarian, community developer, and a resident of the Fifth District of Missouri, which I am honored to represent. Mr. Gates is President of Gates Bar-B-Q, and is recognized as one of the purveyors of the best barbecue in the Nation, if not the world. His sauces and seasonings are shipped around the world and his famous greeting, "Hi, May I Help You?" is also known world-wide. Some Presidents of the United States have either stopped at his local establishments or had his barbecue products shipped to the White House. This week, Mr. Gates is to be inducted into the Missouri Walk of Fame during a reception as part of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's Annual Legislative Conference, an event held to honor the achievements of African-Americans who have made significant contributions to Missouri and the Nation.

After receiving a football scholarship from Maryland State College (now the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore) and excelling there for two years, Mr. Gates moved closer to home to help in the family business, graduating from Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering. Upon completion of his studies, he joined the U. S. Army. He was a 1st Lieutenant at the conclusion of active duty service, and thereafter served in the Army Reserves in Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. Gates' list of achievements read like a Who's Who in business, volunteerism, and philanthropy. He served on the Kansas City Board of Parks and Recreation for 18 years, many of those as President. He was the spearhead of the Black Veterans Memorial in Kansas City to honor a group of soldiers never-before-memorialized in Kansas City and he is in the process of renovating a building to honor his friend Buck O'Neil, a manager with the Kansas City Monarchs baseball team in the Negro Leagues, and a coach with the Chicago Cubs in the Major Leagues. He has served on numerous civic boards including the Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission, Bruce R. Watkins Foundation Inc., US Bank Corporation, Negro Leagues Museum, Spirit of Freedom Foundation Inc., City of Fountains, and the Enshriners to name a few. Mr. Gates has also been recognized for many civic honors such as Restaurateur of the Year Award by the Greater Kansas City Restaurant Association, Citizen of the Year Award by the Chamber of Commerce of Greater Kansas

City, Outstanding Leadership Award by the NAACP, Executive of the Year Award by the Corporate Report of Kansas City, Missouri, and the Hall of Fame Award and Distinguished Alumni Award both from Lincoln University. Mr. Gates has received many more accolades too numerous to mention.

Ollie Gates has been recognized in the form of music by Professor Bobby Watson, director of the University of Missouri, Kansas City Conservatory of Music in the jazz ensemble work, The Gates BBQ Suite. This is a seven-part rendition which has been put on CD. There is also a CD recorded by Kansas City rapper, Tech N9ne entitled The Gates Mixed Plate. Mr. Gates was this year's "hero" to elementary students at the Gladstone Elementary School in Kansas City. The kids sang a song to him entitled "Hi, May I Help You!" which was a spin-off of the saying that employees of Gates Bar-B-Q say to everyone who comes into their restaurants to order food.

For those reasons and more, it is indeed an honor and privilege to induct Mr. Ollie W. Gates into the Missouri Walk of Fame at its annual reception, hosted by myself and fellow Missourian, U.S. Representative WILLIAM LACY CLAY of St. Louis.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in expressing our appreciation to Mr. Ollie W. Gates and applaud his endless commitment to serving the residents of the State of Missouri and the Greater Kansas City Metropolitan Area. He is a true role model, not just to the African-American community in Missouri, but to the entire community nationally. We are certain that his success as an entrepreneur and his use of his considerable gifts in rebuilding 12th Street, east of Troost, and the entire area around 47th Street from the Paseo to Troost Avenue will serve as a stepping stone or road map for many other African-Americans eager to become as successful in their own undertakings as Ollie W. Gates has exemplified.

#### A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF STANLEY N. COHEN, M.D. ON THE OCCASION OF RECEIVING THE DEAN'S MEDAL AT THE STANFORD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

#### HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 15, 2011

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Stanley N. Cohen, M.D., who was awarded the Dean's Medal on Saturday, September 10, 2011, by Dean Philip Pizzo of the Stanford University School of Medicine. He noted in his comments at the event that it was a particular honor to be honored by his colleagues and by Stanford. Dr. Cohen was described in the event program as follows:

Stanley N. Cohen, M.D., is a magna cum laude graduate of Rutgers University. He received his M.D. from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine in 1960. Following subsequent training at the National Institutes of Health, he joined the Stanford faculty in 1968.

Dr. Cohen is the Kwoh-Ting Li Professor in the School of Medicine, Professor and former Chair of Genetics, and Professor of Medicine at Stanford. He and his colleague, Herbert W.