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In addition to these components, I am especially pleased that DIA's National Center for Medical Intelligence, NCMi, is located in my Congressional District on Fort Detrick. NCMi's 150 civilian and military intelligence analysts and scientists are charged with preparing and coordinating intelligence on foreign health threats and medical issues to protect U.S. interest worldwide.

As a member of the House Armed Services Committee and a frequent visitor to NCMi and Fort Detrick, I have received numerous briefings from DIA and NCMi personnel. Each time I have been briefed by DIA analysts I have been impressed by the Agency's expertise identifying medical threats to U.S. forces and our allies, and the insights these intelligence professionals bring on foreign military intentions and capabilities.

During DIA's five decades of existence, the Agency has remained agile in the face of evolving national security threats. From the Cold War, to the Vietnam War, to the first Gulf War, DIA's early efforts focused on understanding and, if necessary, defeating state-sponsored militaries and providing strategic warning.

Since the 9/11 terrorist attacks, DIA has responded to the asymmetric threat posed by transnational terrorist groups such as al-Qaida by pushing more analytic and collection capabilities forward in direct support of our military forces in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere. Today intelligence professionals from across DIA, including personnel from NCMi are forward deployed alongside our troops to provide the best and most timely military intelligence possible.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the men and women of DIA on 50 years of service. Guided by their Agency motto "Committed to Excellence in Defense of the Nation", I am confident that DIA will be standing watch to defeat the threats we face today and to identify and meet the national security challenges of the next 50 years and beyond.

CONGRATULATING COLUMBUS
CLIPPERS

HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2011

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Columbus Clippers on winning their ninth, and second consecutive, Governor's Cup. The Governor's Cup is a baseball tradition dating back to 1933 and is awarded annually to the International League's champion.

First at Cooper Stadium and now at Huntington Park, since 1977 the Columbus Clip-

pers have been a Central Ohio institution. The Clippers are a world-class organization, and attending a game at Huntington Park is a world-class experience. I have enjoyed many warm summer evenings cheering on the Clippers, and I know countless other Ohio families have shared similar fun-filled experiences enjoying America's favorite pastime in each other's company.

In Columbus, we take our sports seriously, and the Clippers have always been a point of pride for us. Their past two seasons have been particularly impressive with the team winning back-to-back championships. A single Governor's Cup win is an impressive achievement but two in a row is truly extraordinary. Over the years the Clippers have made their city and state proud with similar championship streaks, including holding on to the Governor's Cup for three consecutive years from 1979–1981.

A winning season takes hard work and many hours of practice and a great deal of effort. The team's success brings City of Columbus together to celebrate as a community. To the Columbus Clippers, I offer my congratulations on this season's championship and my best wishes for a strong season next year.

Columbus Clippers, RING YOUR BELL!

TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSWOMAN
CARRIE MEEK

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2011

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, as a 30-year colleague of Congresswoman Carrie Meek of Miami, I submit this tribute to honor of my dear, dear friend. Ms. Meek's life and career began from the most humble of backgrounds in segregated Tallahassee during the 1930's. She was the granddaughter of slaves and daughter of former sharecroppers, yet graduated from Lincoln High School, and later stayed in north Florida and graduated from Florida A&M University in 1946. Unfortunately, this was still a time when African Americans could not attend graduate school in the state of Florida, yet because of her fearless spirit and tenacity, Ms. Meek did not give up studying; she enrolled in the University of Michigan and received her M.S. degree in 1948. After graduation, Carrie was hired as a teacher at Bethune-Cookman University in Daytona Beach, Florida, and then at her alma mater, Florida A&M University. She then moved to Miami in 1961 to serve as special assistant to the vice president of Miami-Dade Community College, which was desegregated in 1963, largely due to Ms. Meek's integral role in the push for its integration.

I distinctly recall the years we served together in the Florida State legislature in the 1980's. And although Ms. Meek became Florida's first African American female state Senator in 1983, the same year I began my career of public service in the Florida House, we worked jointly on numerous projects beneficial to minority communities across the state of Florida. And since she served on the Education Appropriations Subcommittee, we tag teamed on various projects, including critical

funding for HBCU's, affordable housing for minorities and the poor, as well as funding for critical transportation and infrastructure projects in areas previously overlooked.

And in 1992, after a long and bitter legal fight, Ms. Meek and I, along with Congressman ALCEE HASTINGS, became the first African American Members elected to the U.S. House of Representatives since 1871! Together in Washington, Rep. Meek and I worked arduously together on issues such as economic development for underserved areas, both nationally and in the state of Florida, on decreasing disparities in health care treatment and in increasing access to health insurance, as well as on education and housing issues. And as Floridians passionate about improving the conditions on the island nation of Haiti, we also traveled to Haiti together, and worked to advocate for Haitian immigrants and for increased U.S. foreign aid and investment on the island nation of Haiti. I will always fondly remember the years of working together with Ms. Meek, and am pleased to see Members of the Florida delegation coming together on the House Floor this morning to recognize her many achievements during her time in Congress.

THE CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES
IMPROVEMENT AND INNOVATION
ACT AND TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE
FOR NEEDY FAMILIES
EXTENSION

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2011

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak in support of two of today's scheduled bills, the Child and Family Services Improvement and Innovation Act and the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Extension.

The Child and Family Services Improvement and Innovation Act makes the necessary improvements to the Child Welfare Services and Promoting Safe and Stable Families programs to ensure accountability of the funds spent in the programs. Particularly, the waiver requirements and the required Government Accountability Office study will help reduce the duplication of funds for these programs.

Regarding the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Extension, I feel that this three month extension will provide the proper time to discuss, debate and research the benefits of mandating drug-testing and substance abuse treatment programs as a requirement for individuals to receive funds under this program. Including such a provision will increase the accountability of means-tested cash recipients and send a message that substance abuse will not be tolerated or supported by the federal government.

I see a direct link in the issue of substance abuse and child maltreatment; I feel that the inclusion of a drug-testing requirement would improve both programs and increase their efficiency.

I look forward to working on this issue with my colleagues in the Subcommittee on Human Resources, the Ways and Means Committee and the House of Representatives at-large.

PARKROSE CENTENNIAL

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2011

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, congratulations to Parkrose, Oregon on your Centennial.

Founded by Italian, Dutch, and German farmers in the late 1890s, the community of Parkrose was incorporated by its business community in 1911 and quickly faced the challenges of rapid growth.

By the 1920s, the farmland that supplied nearby Portland with much of its food was developed into motels, serving the travelers that traveled from the Columbia Gorge into the "big city". Next came housing developments, changing the landscape even more. In the 1960s, the newly constructed Banfield freeway attracted motorists off of Sandy Boulevard, Parkrose's main thoroughfare.

By the time of annexation by the City of Portland in 1980, Parkrose had faced challenges as great as any part of the metropolitan area. Throughout, Parkrose has fought to retain its identity, as well as its farmland, and have kept its schools an important focal point for the community.

In more recent years, Parkrose has rediscovered its past, celebrating many rich traditions. From its schools and businesses to its community gardens, parks, local farms, and thriving Farmers Market, the residents of Parkrose continue to shape their community into one that will be treasured and celebrated 100 years from now.

I offer my congratulations to the good citizens of Parkrose, Oregon as they begin their next century.

HONORING THE FAIRFIELD
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2011

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Fairfield Volunteer Fire Department, located in Essex County, New Jersey, as it celebrates 100 years of dedicated volunteer service to the Township of Fairfield.

The Fairfield Volunteer Fire Department, formerly the Township of Caldwell Volunteer Fire Department, was founded in 1911, with the help of a handful of residents. The very first firehouse in the township was built in 1912, on the lands given to the department by a generous donor. Unfortunately, the building burned in 1915. Due to a lack of necessary firefighting equipment, the department was helpless to combat the flames.

After the devastating fire, the department assumed a somewhat inactive status until a group of citizens reorganized in 1924 and erected a new firehouse in 1925 at the site of the old structure. To finance its new building, a \$1500 mortgage was assumed. In 1927, the township's first fire truck, a 1926 Day-Elder Pumper, was purchased. Three years later the township purchased the truck to help alleviate the department's costs. Since that time, the township has purchased all necessary equipment used by the fire department.

In 1948, the Day-Elder was retired and replaced by a new 1948 GMC Pumper. Subsequently in 1952, the Township purchased a second GMC 1000 gallon Pumper. These two vehicles were housed at town hall, the location of the present day municipal building and Firehouse No. 1. In 1964, the department acquired a FWD four wheel drive GMC 1000 GPM Pumper, "Old Engine 3." Then, in the spring of 1970, the present Firehouse No. 2 located on Plymouth Street was constructed and dedicated.

Continuing through the rapid growth of the town and the fire department, March 1974 brought the addition of the new 1500 GPM Hahn Pumper, Engine 4. Three years later, in September 1977, the nearly 30 year old GMC's were retired and replaced by two new twin Hahn 1500 GPM Custom Pumpers, Engines 1 and 2, rounding the arsenal to 4 modern pieces of apparatus.

In 1981, the members of the department designed and constructed a new Firemen's Recreation and Training Hall on land received from the town, adjacent to the Plymouth Street Firehouse. The organization sold the old firehouse which still stands today, now occupied by a privately owned business.

Three years later, the department purchased a 1984 LT1 100-foot Ladder Tower with a 1500 GPM pump. This vehicle was added to the Township's firefighting capabilities in response to the rapid growth of larger office buildings and multi-floor hotels. After 30 years of service, Old Engine 3 was soon replaced with a new Pierce 2000 GPM custom built Pumper. This engine represented the epitome of modern firefighting, with a fully enclosed cab, up-to-date radio equipment and computerized pump controls. The department also purchased a 1995 GMC Suburban Incident Command Vehicle, complete with radio equipment; enabling the department to directly communicate with any of the surrounding fire departments, State Police, West Essex First Aid Squad, paramedics and NorthStar Medical Helicopter.

Rounding off its modern arsenal of firefighting apparatus, the two 1976 Hahns were retired and replaced with twin Pierce 2000 GPM Custom Pumper Engines 1 and 2. Both trucks came with safety features and capabilities that far outperform the old equipment, including fully enclosed 6 seat cabs and computerized pump controls. The latest piece of apparatus replaced the first ladder truck with a 2005 Pierce 100 foot ladder tower with the newest technology.

Due to the high volume of industry, waterways and major highways, the department's duties have increased from basic firefighting to extra services including vehicle extrications and water rescue that demands not only the purchasing of specialized equipment but also many extra training hours. As an all-volunteer department, the members give their own time and sacrifice their safety for the good of their community and mutual aid to surrounding towns. Many members have surpassed 50 years of volunteer service to the department and for that they are commended.

From past to present the Fairfield Volunteer Fire Department has worked through many hard times, experienced its share of success and tragedies, and has developed and grown right along with the community it serves. Its past and present members should feel pride to be part of such a group of dedicated individuals.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Fairfield Fire Department as it celebrates 100 years of volunteer service.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JUDGE
GILLIS E. POWELL, SR.

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2011

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today to recognize the life of northwest Florida's beloved Judge Gillis E. Powell, Sr.

Over the course of his life, Judge Powell was a fixture in the northwest Florida community. His family was one of the first families to settle in Crestview, and his mother was a founding member of the First Presbyterian Church of Crestview. Judge Powell's assiduous work ethic was apparent when he began working as a delivery boy at Sullivan's Grocery Store at the young age of 12. In 1938, Judge Powell graduated from Crestview High School and went on to study business administration at the University of Florida (UF).

Judge Powell was also a true patriot, and when his country called him to duty during World War II, he responded with honor and distinction. In 1942, as a Second Lieutenant, he was one of only five officers from his squadron chosen to attend intelligence training at Yale University. While training at Yale, he married his childhood sweetheart, Avis Elizabeth Moore. After finishing his intelligence training, Judge Powell served as an intelligence officer in north Africa, rising to the rank of Major and becoming a squadron commander. During his military career, he was recognized by President Franklin D. Roosevelt for his role in preparing for the Big Three Conference between President Roosevelt, Winston Churchill, and Joseph Stalin in Tehran, Iran.

After fulfilling his service commitment, Judge Powell returned to Florida with his wife, Avis, where he finished his bachelor's degree at UF, before earning his law degree from UF's College of Law. Judge Powell had a true aptitude for business and passion for law. He started his first business near UF—The Tackle Box—which started as a small bait shop and has grown over the course of 60 years into a large sporting goods store.

In 1951, he returned to his native Crestview to establish his own law firm. During his accomplished legal career, he served in his private practice and as an Assistant State Attorney, before being appointed in 1971 to serve as Circuit Judge in the First Judicial Circuit of Florida. He served as a Circuit Judge until he retired from the bench in 1977, when he returned to private practice with his oldest son, Gill. Over the years, the law firm of Powell, Powell & Powell grew to include his daughter, Ava, and younger son, Dixie; as well as his granddaughter, Lacey and her husband, James; his granddaughter, Ginny; and his grandson, Gillis E. Powell III. In 1991, while serving as the City Attorney for City of Niceville, Judge Powell argued and won a case before the United States Supreme Court and was featured on NBC's "Today Show." Judge Powell remained active in his law practice until his recent retirement at the age of 87.