

Company/BCM Engineers where he was president and CEO for two decades. Under his leadership, the company grew to become one of America's top 100 engineering firms.

Never one to be content with sitting on the sidelines when his community needed him, Hap was determined to make a difference, greeting new challenges with enthusiasm and his trademark positive attitude. He led the local business community as Chairman of the Mobile Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the board at St. Paul's Episcopal School, and served on the Board of Regions Bank and the Mobile Area Water and Sewer Board, to name but a few of the many organizations where Hap left a lasting mark.

Having succeeded in local business and in giving his time to improve his community, Hap took the next step in 1994, entering the political arena for the first time. For anyone who knew him, there was never any doubt that he would make a fine public servant. Hap went on to be elected a Republican in the Democrat-dominated Alabama State Senate for three consecutive terms. He retired from politics in 2006. Former Governor Bob Riley summed up his political career by noting he "served for all the right reasons, and he did it with great integrity and class."

Mr. Speaker, Senator Hap Myers never put himself first and never gave up believing in and doing what was right. He will be sorely missed but leaves behind a legacy of goodness and decency as well as an example for one and all of what a true servant leader is.

I would like to ask the House to join me in extending our deepest condolences to his lovely wife, Toni, as well as his wonderful children, Hap III, Marty, and Sandy, his grandchildren, his family and many friends. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN SOCIETY'S DENTON VILLAGE

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 23, 2011

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to commemorate the 35th anniversary of the Good Samaritan Society's Denton Village. The Good Samaritan Society operates a number of nursing homes around the country. Denton Village's inception in 1976 marked the beginning of their exceptional service offerings in long-term care and senior living complexes. The Denton Village has since expanded their services to include twin homes, assisted living, and a second senior living apartment building.

My parents lived in a duplex at Denton Village. The facilities and staff at Denton Village allowed my parents, Harry and Norma, to enjoy a more fulfilling and carefree life. When it comes to providing individualized care the people at Denton Village go above and beyond for their residents. Denton Village is a place that cares for people, and is one of the best nursing homes in Dallas Fort-Worth Area.

This anniversary is a wonderful opportunity for us to celebrate and recognize the values of the Good Samaritan Society and the delivery of those values at the Denton Village. I am truly proud to recognize everybody at Denton

Village for their 35th Anniversary of excellent service, and I know the Denton community appreciates their years of service.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE OPENING AND DEDICATION OF THE UKRAINIAN VILLAGE PARK AND ANNUAL UKRAINIAN VILLAGE PARADE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 23, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the opening and dedication of the Ukrainian Village Park and Annual Ukrainian Village Parade taking place on September 24, 2011.

With a growing population of more than 50,000, the Ukrainian community has been a staple in the Greater Cleveland area for decades. In October, 2008, the City of Parma City Council became the first local government in Northeast Ohio to sponsor an ethnic neighborhood; Ukrainian Village. Ukrainian Village covers two miles along State Road and is home to Ukrainian butcher shops, credit unions, two Ukrainian Orthodox churches and now Ukrainian Village Park. The mission of Ukrainian Village is, "To preserve, empower, and advance Ukrainian Village as a thriving neighborhood by celebrating the culture and heritage of Ukrainian Americans and to collaborate with the City of Parma in creating business and economic development within its boundaries."

The Ukrainian Village Parade and Ukrainian Village Park dedication will be hosted by the City of Parma, Ukrainian Village Committee and the United Ukrainian Organizations of Ohio. The United Ukrainian Organizations of Ohio has represented more than 50 Ohio organizations since 1928. This year's Ukrainian Village celebration will commemorate the 20th anniversary of Ukraine's independence, include an annual parade and festival and feature the opening and dedication of the Ukrainian Village Park.

This year's parade will include, for the first time, all five of Parma's high school's bands; Parma Senior High School, Normandy High School, Valley Forge High School, Padua Franciscan High School and Holy Name High School. Additionally, the parade will feature church groups, civic organizations, representatives from the Polish, Hungarian, German, Irish and Slovak communities, Ukrainian Village businesses, numerous Ukrainian-American organizations, singers, dancers, school children, and His Eminence Archbishop Antony.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me as Greater Cleveland celebrates the opening and dedication of the Ukrainian Village Park and Annual Ukrainian Village Parade.

TRANSPARENCY IN REGULATORY ANALYSIS OF IMPACTS ON THE NATION ACT OF 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2401) to require analyses of the cumulative and incremental impacts of certain rules and actions of the Environmental Protection Agency, and for other purposes:

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Chair, today's debate is déjà vu from the debate within the House Energy and Commerce committee. Once again my colleagues and I on the Energy and Commerce Committee had the opportunity to address and protect human health and environment, while also promote and encourage innovation and job creation. These are serious issues facing our country and the EPA, issues that require serious solutions. Sadly, this bill does nothing to actually address those issues.

In addition to the lack of a well thought-out strategy, the proposed amendments to this bill would make serious changes to the Clean Air Act without any congressional hearing or testimony. None of these proposals have had serious examination by the Energy and Commerce Committee, which has jurisdiction over this matter. This is not the open and transparent legislative process that my colleagues have committed to. We cannot responsibly govern in this matter and ignore our Constitutional obligation to hold hearings, hear testimony, and give these matters the in-depth consideration major policy initiatives deserve.

As I said, there are legitimate problems with some of the proposed rules coming out of EPA, and they need to be dealt with. However, this Polish lawyer from Detroit happens to believe we would get further with a more surgical approach to dealing with these matters.

I am particularly concerned with the Utility MACT, which in its current form, could have a devastating effect on the economy of Midwestern manufacturing States, including my home State of Michigan. I am convinced that a balanced, bipartisan solution to this issue was available to us. In fact, I offered to work with all of my colleagues, both Democrats and Republicans on this matter. Sadly, my colleagues on the other side of the aisle would rather play political games rather than work on a reasonable solution to a legitimate problem.

I would note to my colleagues that we spent only one day on the failed Continuing Resolution, but will spend two days on this bill. This, I believe, demonstrates the true intention of the GOP. That is not to actually deal with a legitimate and disconcerting problem, but to spend time on their favorite whipping boy, EPA. Now, I have had my share of issues with that particular agency, but I have always sought a solution—not played games to gain political points.

As such, it is my intent to vote against the TRAIN Act and the amendments proposed by the other side of the aisle. The President already indicated his strong opposition and as such, the bill before us is nothing more than veto bait. I would call on my colleagues on

both sides of the aisle to work with me on these matters in a reasonable way.

CONGRATULATING CELADON
GROUP, INC.

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 23, 2011

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate an important member of Indiana's business community.

Mr. Stephen Russell founded Celadon Group, Inc., in 1985, and under his leadership, Celadon has grown to become one of the Nation's largest trucking and transportation management companies. Celadon currently operates approximately 3,100 tractors and 9,000 trailers and serves over 2,000 customers. Celadon employs nearly 4,000 people and is the largest transportation company based in Indiana. Mr. Russell serves on several industry, education, and community boards; including on the American Trucking Associations, Inc. Board, Cornell University Johnson Graduate School of Management Board, and as Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Indianapolis Museum of Art.

Mr. Russell was one of four laureates inducted into the Central Indiana Business Hall of Fame on February 17, 2011. Established by the Junior Achievement Board of Directors in 1989, the Central Indiana Business Hall of Fame honors men and women who epitomize success in the business world and use their success to improve the quality of life of their fellow citizens and surrounding communities.

I congratulate him on all his hard work and success which has been honored with the induction into the Central Indiana Business Hall of Fame. I would like to thank his family for selflessly supporting Mr. Russell in his long and accomplished career as a business and community leader in Central Indiana. I am proud to honor Mr. Russell in recognition of his leadership and service to his family, employees, and community.

100-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF R.L.
TURNER HIGH SCHOOL

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 23, 2011

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise to celebrate the 100-year anniversary of R.L. Turner High School. As a graduate of R.L. Turner, I am honored to recognize this school as a significant part of the City of Carrollton's history.

In the fall of 1911, Carrollton High School had its first class of three students. In 1915, a two-story, red brick building was constructed for the high school. When the high school changed locations, the building became DeWitt Perry Junior High. The junior high school was named after DeWitt Clinton Perry, who donated the land to the city for the original high school.

The first Homecoming Day celebration was held on Friday, November 17, 1933. Former students from as far back as the original class

reunited at the football game where the Carrollton Yellow Jackets defeated the Hutchins Tigers by a score of 13–6.

In 1937, Carrollton High School changed their mascot from the Yellow Jackets to the Lions. In 1962, to accommodate the growth in the area, Carrollton High School moved from the two-story, red brick building on Beltline Road to its current location on Josey Lane. In the same year, Carrollton High School changed its name to R.L. Turner in honor of Superintendent Robert Leon Turner.

R.L. Turner High School has received a number of distinguished awards over its rich history. In the 1990–1991 school year, the high school was honored with the Blue Ribbon National School of Excellence. In the 2000–2001 and 2009–2010 school years, the high school achieved a Recognized Rating for its academics from the Texas Education Agency. And in 2010, R.L. Turner was ranked as the top school in the district on Newsweek's list of America's Best High Schools.

Since the first class graduated in 1912, approximately 50,000 students have passed through this exceptional institution. I am very proud of R.L. Turner and its century-long commitment to educational excellence. On behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating R.L. Turner on its 100-year anniversary.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH DEFENSE
SECRETARY PANETTA ON THE
AFGHANISTAN/PAKISTAN STUDY
GROUP

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 23, 2011

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I submit my correspondence with the administration on my call for an Afghanistan/Pakistan Study Group. My letters to Defense Secretary Leon Panetta of August 31, 2011, and September 15, 2011, follow:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, August 31, 2011.

Hon. LEON PANETTA,
Secretary of Defense, The Pentagon,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SECRETARY PANETTA: I know you care deeply about the men and women in uniform fighting in Afghanistan. That's why I am disappointed that no one from your staff has contacted former Ambassador Peter Tomsen, an expert on Afghanistan, to meet with him, as I requested in my letter to you of August 1 (enclosed).

Ambassador Tomsen's new book, *The Wars of Afghanistan*, is receiving positive reviews, including the enclosed review in the recent edition of *Foreign Affairs*. The review praises the book as providing an in depth description of the social structure of Afghanistan and the mistakes repeated by numerous foreign countries that have tried to help establish military and political cohesion in the country. The review states, "Whether one agrees with Tomsen, however, there is no denying that his descriptions of Afghanistan's society and politics are a valuable foundation for any discussion of how the country should be governed. * * * Given Tomsen's track record, Americans should give a respectful hearing to his call for a thorough policy re-formulation—something beyond tweaks to

troop numbers and counterinsurgency tactics."

I believe this book should be required reading for you and your team at the Pentagon. Ambassador Tomsen is ready and willing to lend his expertise to this important effort and I again ask that you or your staff meet with him.

Leon, I renew my call that you use your discretion as secretary and create the Af/Pak Study Group. We owe it to the men and women serving and the families and spouses at home to ensure we have the correct strategy. After 10 years of fighting, it is time to have a fresh set of eyes examine U.S. strategy. Far from a sign of weakness, creating an independent Af/Pak study group would show the nation that we are doing everything possible to achieve our goals in this region.

I would welcome the chance to speak with you on this matter.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,

FRANK R. WOLF,
Member of Congress.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, September 15, 2011.

The Hon. LEON PANETTA,
Secretary of Defense, U.S. Department of Defense, The Pentagon, Washington DC.

DEAR SECRETARY PANETTA: It was good to be with you at the Pentagon on Sunday to honor the lives lost there 10 years ago in the 9/11 attacks. I want to congratulate you on a moving ceremony that showed reverence to the Pentagon employees and the passengers of American Flight 77 that perished on that awful morning. I appreciated your comments and those of Admiral Mullen. Several of my constituents died at the Pentagon and the first U.S. service member killed in Afghanistan was my constituent. I thank you and all those who have served in public office and in uniform in the 10 years we have waged war against global terrorism.

As I waited for the program to begin on Sunday, I saw you and former Defense Secretary Rumsfeld and was struck by a vivid memory from 2005 of the events surrounding the Iraq war. We were three years into the war, the security situation in Iraq was deteriorating, and our soldiers were dying every day. As a member of Congress who voted to send our troops to fight, I believed I had the added responsibility to make sure the administration was receiving the best advice possible on our Iraq strategy.

So I proposed creating the Iraq Study Group (ISG) made up of experts outside government to bring what I called "fresh eyes" on the target. Secretary Rumsfeld, General Pace, Secretary Rice, and NSC Chairman Hadley all came to see the value in the ISG. By your participation, I think it is fair to say you also saw its benefit, and I greatly appreciated your outstanding service on the bipartisan panel. You and the other Democratic members who gave your time during a Republican administration exemplified the true meaning of service to your country.

We are now into the 10th year of fighting in Afghanistan and the challenges we face there continue. In 2001, I was the first member of Congress, along with Rep. Joe Pitts, to visit Afghanistan after the U.S. invasion, against the wishes of the Defense Department. We saw firsthand the devastation that the Taliban had visited on Kabul as well as the remnants of the U.S. Embassy that was abandoned in 1979. I have also traveled to Pakistan and seen the difficulties that country faces combating the Afghan Taliban and other terror groups. Despite the current conditions, all my experience in this region tells me that success is possible if we formulate