

Retail Hardware Association (NRHA) 2011 Top Gun.

Cally has a long history providing service to others, especially in her hometown, as the first woman president of the 92-year-old Victoria Rotary Club and a Red Coat Ambassador for the Greater Victoria Area Chamber of Commerce. Cally has also worked on the boards of the Victoria Economic Development Corporation, the Victoria Regional Museum Association, the Trinity Episcopal School and the Planning Commission for the City of Victoria. She has been politically active since she was a congressional intern in Washington, DC.

Cally is married to Travis Fromme, and they have two children, Karoline, age 10 and Coleman, age 7.

Congratulations to Cally Fromme for her many achievements throughout her career, and I wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

HONORING THE LIEUTENANT ASA STEVENS CHAPTER

HON. TOM MARINO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 90th anniversary of the Lieutenant Asa Stevens Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and four of its most distinguished members: Ms. Nancy Forbes Owlett, Ms. Susan Kerrick Achromatic, Ms. Esther Jean House Mills, and Ms. Connie Jean Mills Keir. These four women embody the spirit of the DAR and have devoted countless years to this organization which stands for the promotion of American patriotism, preservation, and prosperity.

Ms. Nancy Forbes Owlett of Towanda, Pennsylvania has been a member of the Lt. Asa Stevens Chapter since October 16, 1971 and has held the offices of Librarian and Registrar. She has devoted herself through service on several DAR committees, including; Genealogy Records, National Defense, Membership, and DAR Library.

Ms. Susan Kerrick Achromatic has also been a long-time member of the Lt. Asa Stevens Chapter, having served since October 13, 1979.

Ms. Esther Jean House Mills of Towanda, Pennsylvania joined the DAR under her ancestor, Private Jonathan Stevens, son of Lieutenant Asa Stevens. Ms. Mills has served as the Chapter's treasurer for all 22 years that she has been a member and has sat on several committees including; Programs, Indians, and DAR Schools.

Ms. Connie Jean Mills Keir of Ulster, Pennsylvania joined her mother, Ms. Esther Jean House Mills, to serve in the Lt. Asa Stevens Chapter on October 12, 1996. In her time with the Chapter, Ms. Keir has served as both Regent and Vice Regent, as well as devoting her time to committees such as Conservation and Genealogy Records.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Lieutenant Asa Stevens Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and ask my colleagues to join me in praising the commitment of this organization to the continued memory and spirit of those who defended our nation's independence.

TRADE LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2011

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. TURNER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, trade agreements have the potential to increase export opportunities for U.S. businesses by removing market access barriers. However, U.S. companies' ability to take advantage of opportunities created by these, and existing, U.S. trade pacts depends on their government's willingness to enforce its trade agreements. Currently, U.S. companies face many non-tariff barriers (NTBs) that violate existing trade agreements. This bill offers an additional way for U.S. companies to get the United States Trade Representative (USTR) to act on market access barriers that are unlawful under any U.S. trade agreement.

NTBs are devices other than tariffs that are used to restrict the flow of imports into an economy. Under current law, the USTR has the ability to retaliate against a wide variety of unfair trade practices, including market access problems caused by NTBs. Sections 301 through 310 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, (Section 301), give USTR a mandate to take retaliatory action when the rights of the United States under any trade agreement are being denied. USTR starts this process by initiating an investigation that includes formal negotiations with the country suspected of being in breach of an agreement. Should the issue not be resolved through negotiation, at the end of the investigation, USTR issues a determination as to whether the trade practice at issue is denying U.S. rights under an agreement. If the determination is affirmative, the USTR enters the formal dispute settlement process.

While U.S. producers can petition the USTR to take action under Section 301, they seldom do. During 2010 USTR initiated only one Section 301 investigation in response to a petition. To put together a petition that has even a chance of passing USTR's scrutiny, companies have to hire an expensive Washington law firm to compile a copious amount of information and advocate for them before the USTR. Tens of thousands of dollars later, there is no guarantee that their petition will be accepted, or that the trade practices in question will be addressed in a timely fashion. This is not a realistic option for a small or medium-sized company, especially one that is losing business due to unfair trade practices.

My bill will use a market access complaint process that the Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration (ITA) already has in place a starting point for possible action under Section 301. ITA will have 180 days to resolve interested party complaints that a foreign country is engaging in an act, policy or practice that acts as a non-tariff barrier; if ITA is unable to resolve the issue, the bill mandates that the Secretary of Commerce issue an opinion as to whether the reported NTB meets the criteria for mandatory USTR action under Section 301. If Commerce issues an affirmative opinion, the bill mandates that USTR initiate a Section 301 investigation. Further, the bill clarifies that subsections of the law giving USTR discretion not to start an investigation do not apply and gives interested parties the opportunity to request a hearing.

Only the U.S. government can ensure that U.S. trade agreements are enforced. U.S. companies should have every opportunity to have their complaints investigated and acted on. Even if only one small company makes a complaint about a specific NTB, it is highly probable that the NTB affects multiple companies in multiple sectors. Without strong enforcement of its agreements, the United States cannot get the full benefits from free trade. Given the opportunity, U.S. companies can compete with the best in the world and can grow and create good private sector jobs. This bill is one step towards ensuring that U.S. companies have the opportunity to achieve their full potential competing in the global marketplace.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all my colleagues to support this important bill.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ST. MARY'S BENEVOLENT SOCIETY'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the celebration of St. Mary's Benevolent Society's 100th Anniversary. The Society is an organization that provides social and community enrichment for Italian-Americans in Kingston, New York and the greater community. St. Mary's Benevolent Society is a beloved meeting hall and a cornerstone of the local community. I am proud that the constituents of New York's 22nd Congressional District continue to support the traditions and values of this esteemed fraternity.

From its creation in 1911, St. Mary's Benevolent Society has been committed to providing social club members with an environment that fosters camaraderie through hosting large gatherings, dinners, and church services. The Society's original mission was to help each other in times of illness or distress; a mission still carried on today. In addition to these traditions that continue a century later, the Society also maintains three church services a year: Christmas Day, Easter Sunday and the Feast Day of St. Mary. These highly esteemed gatherings have contributed to the success and respect of St. Mary's Benevolent Society.

Kingston has changed greatly since 1911, yet St. Mary's Benevolent Society continues to thrive in our community and hold true to its core values of providing Italian-Americans with support and services that are essential to the community. Mr. Speaker, it gives me a great pleasure to recognize St. Mary's Benevolent Society as it celebrates its 100th Anniversary during its Annual Feast of Saint Mary. I am confident that St. Mary's Benevolent Society will continue to thrive and be an asset to the City of Kingston for many years to come.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF CARLOS APARICIO

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask Congress to pay tribute to a fallen soldier and

unsung hero, Carlos Aparicio. Carlos was killed while serving on September 23, 2011, at the age of 19. A viewing will be held on Friday, October 7th, at Ingold Funeral Chapel in Fontana. A memorial mass will be held on Saturday, October 8th at St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Rialto. Burial will follow at Riverside National Cemetery.

Carlos was born on January 9, 1992, in Fontana, California to Concepcion and Hugo Aparicio. He was the youngest of three children. He had an older sister, Maricela, age 26, and an older brother, Miguel, age 29. He grew up in Fontana and moved to Redlands in 2008. He attended Fontana High School before graduating from Redlands East Valley High School in 2010. In high school, he was a standout member of the football and wrestling teams. He also excelled in the classroom—Carlos had a love for literature, and could often be found reading. He earned straight As on his last report card.

Carlos enlisted in the Army in June 2010 after graduating from high school. After training at Fort Benning, Georgia, he went to Fort Pork in January 2011. He deployed to Afghanistan in February 2011. He was an infantryman with the 2nd Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Pork, Louisiana.

Carlos died in Wardak province from wounds sustained when insurgents used an improvised explosive device to attack his unit, according to the Defense Department. He earned the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the NATO Medal and the Combat Infantry Badge.

His mother recalls that Carlos wanted to devote his life to serving in the military. "He told us he loved America and he wanted to make a difference. He felt his purpose in life was to make the country safer," his mother says. The last thing Carlos told his mother was that his goal was to earn a Gold Star and become an Officer.

His mother remembers him as an outstanding young man who achieved everything he set his mind to do. "He was outgoing and touched a lot of lives. He was a very happy person," she says. His sister remembers Carlos for his big heart, intelligence and down to earth nature. "He was our hero," she says.

Carlos leaves with cherished memories his parents, and his two grandmothers, Juana Torres and Audelia Aparicio. My thoughts and prayers, along with those of my wife, Barbara, and my children, Councilman Joe Baca Jr., Jeremy, Natalie, and Jennifer are with Carlos' family at this time. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring a true hero, Carlos Aparicio.

HONORING JAMES AND ROSE LENOX

HON. TOM MARINO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of my constituents, James and Rose

Lenox, on the occasion their 60th wedding anniversary.

Rose Homan was married to James Francis Lenox on October 20, 1951 at Saints Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Church in Towanda, Pennsylvania.

Attendants for James included: Frank Hoffman, Leo Lenox, and John Finlan. Attendants for Rose included: Betty Homan, Alice Bustin, and Rita May. A reception following the ceremony was held at the Homan Farm.

Jim and Rose are the parents of three children; Kathy, David, and Rosemary, and are the grandparents of eight. Jim and Rose have been an asset to their community, devoting themselves to family, God, and country.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituents, Jim and Rose, on their 60th wedding anniversary and ask my colleagues to join in praising their commitment to one another.

CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, today's Continuing Resolution avoids an unnecessary government shutdown—and it does so in a manner that does not unduly threaten job creation or undermine our economic recovery.

Specifically, this CR extends FY 2011 discretionary funding at approximately 98.5 percent for agencies and programs through November 18 of this year. The 1.5 percent cut brings funding in line with the \$1.043 Trillion top line called for in the Budget Control Act agreement. Additionally, today's bill supports the postal service, extends the flood insurance program and funds vital disaster relief through November 18.

As Ranking Member of the Budget Committee, I would prefer timely completion of our annual appropriations bills. But in the absence of regular order, this relatively clean, bipartisan CR is preferable to the alternative.

I urge a yes vote.

A CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING ALICE WISEMAN ON HER INDUCTION INTO THE GREENE COUNTY WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME

HON. STEVE AUSTRIA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. AUSTRIA. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District, I rise today to recognize Ms. Alice Wiseman for her induction into the Greene County Women's Hall of Fame.

Ms. Alice Wiseman along with five other candidates were selected from a pool of many worthy women to receive this honor, and thus, she was nominated for her great endeavors in the field of Public Education.

Ms. Wiseman, has been a teacher at Sugarcreek Local Schools for 30 years. During this time she has never stopped in her effort

to educate children. As a teacher, she was ahead of her time identifying and accommodating students with learning difficulties, challenging gifted students and serving as a mentor to new teachers. After retiring, Alice authored an elementary level book, *The History of Bellbrook*, which is used in conjunction with the third-grade curricular tie-in to a tour of the town, for which she serves as director. She has been an Ohio Reads program tutor, a member of the Bellbrook Family Resource Center Board, and currently is the President of the Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Historical Society. She is also an elected member of the Greene County Educational Service Center Board of Governors.

Thus, with great pride, I congratulate Ms. Alice Wiseman for her exemplary service to Greene County and extend best wishes for the future.

HONORING DOUGLAS EDWARD DAHILL

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and memory of an Allen County hero, Douglas Edward Dahill, who died while bravely serving our country in Vietnam, on or about April 17, 1969.

Doug joined the Army after graduating from Lima Senior High School, following in the military tradition of his grandfather, father, and uncle—all veterans.

Shortly after his twentieth birthday, Doug and two fellow soldiers were dropped behind enemy lines on a reconnaissance mission in a dense northwest jungle of South Vietnam. On the mission's third day, his team came under severe enemy attack.

For the next 10 years, Doug was listed as missing in action. Very recently, remains returned from Vietnam in 1991 were positively identified as Doug Dahill and his two colleagues from the recon team.

At long last, Douglas Dahill will be laid to rest today in Arlington National Cemetery, bringing his family closure after more than four decades.

On behalf of the United States Congress and the families of Ohio's Fourth District, I want to thank Specialist Doug Dahill and his family for the selfless service and sacrifice they gave to this, the greatest nation in history.

I was moved by Doug's words, found in a portion of a letter he wrote to his family from Vietnam:

I hope I haven't died in vain, but for a reason—the American way of life. . . . A lot of young American boys, rather men like myself, are dying in Vietnam now. Their eulogy would be that they died for a reason and not in vain. A job is being done and we're doing it. Sure, it's a dirty job, but freedom doesn't come easily.

Douglas Edward Dahill is an American hero who will never be forgotten. He will live forever in the hearts of every American he gave his life defending.