

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.

COMMENDING J. OSCAR WARD AND MEMBERS OF THE GREATER IRVING REPUBLICAN CLUB

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Mr. J. Oscar Ward of Irving, Texas, President of the Greater Irving Republican Club, and its members for their concern and respect for our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen that are serving in harm's way. I appreciate their efforts in calling attention to the unfortunate extra challenges faced by the surviving family of Chief Warrant Officer Bradley Gaudet of Gladewater, Texas.

Chief Warrant Officer Gaudet was killed from injuries sustained in a helicopter crash on June 5, 2011 in Afghanistan. His surviving family faced significant hurdles and resistance from the military in transferring his body from Ft. Drum, New York to its final resting place in Gladewater, Texas. These are challenges that should never be a concern to a grieving family. I appreciate President J. Oscar Ward and the members of the Greater Irving Republican Club for their firm resolve in calling attention to the burial of Chief Warrant Officer Gaudet.

I would like to further recognize the assistance and kindness of Southwest Airlines for flying the body of this fallen hero from New York to Texas for his final resting place. Without their assistance, this situation could have been even worse for all of Chief Warrant Officer Gaudet's surviving family and loved ones.

We should never allow a situation similar to what happened to Chief Warrant Officer Gaudet to ever be experienced again by a grieving family. I call on my colleagues to help ensure that every possible consideration is made for every surviving family. I am requesting that any rules and regulations that may preclude the proper burial at the location of the surviving family's choosing of a brave American hero be promptly changed. We must avoid anything similar to this ever occurring again.

HONORING THE SERVICE AND MEMORY OF REVOLUTIONARY WAR PATRIOTS STEPHEN HEARD, JOHN DARDEN, MAMMY KATE, DADDY JACK, DIONYSUS OLIVER, AND PETER OLIVER

HON. PAUL C. BROWN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. BROWN of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Governor Stephen Heard, Captain John Darden, Mammy Kate, Daddy Jack, Captain Dionysus Oliver, and Peter Oliver for their patriotic service accomplished during the American Revolution.

Stephen Heard, who served as Governor of Georgia in 1781, Captain John Darden, Captain Dionysus Oliver, and Peter Oliver all fought courageously in the American War of Independence. Mammy Kate and Daddy Jack, who were slaves at the time, played a pivotal role as well. When their master, Heard, was

captured at the Battle of Kettle Creek, the British condemned him to die. But on the eve of Heard's execution, Mammy Kate and Daddy Jack rescued him from the British prison at Fort Cornwallis, and for their heroic deeds, Heard awarded them their freedom.

All six of these Revolutionary War patriots are buried in what is currently Elbert County, Georgia. On October 15, 2011, the community will honor the memory of these patriots with a grave marking dedication conducted by the Stephen Heard and Kettle Creek Chapters of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Samuel Elbert, Button Gwinnett, and Washington-Wilkes Chapters of the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to pay tribute to these six brave heroes, who with countless other patriots, successfully achieved for us American liberty and made way for our nation to stand as a beacon of freedom and hope to the rest of the world.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, October 3, I requested and received a leave of absence for October 3 and 4 to attend official business in my congressional district. The President of the United States came to my district on Tuesday, October 4, 2011.

For the information of our colleagues and my constituents, below is how I would have voted on the following votes I missed during this time period.

On rollcall No. 742, to require the conveyance of certain public land within the boundaries of Camp Williams, Utah, to support the training and readiness of the Utah National Guard, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall No. 743, to amend the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture regarding additional recreational uses of National Forest System land that is subject to ski area permits, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall No. 744, to convey certain submerged lands to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in order to give that territory the same benefits in its submerged lands as Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa have in their submerged lands, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall No. 745, Continuing Appropriations Act, 2012 (Small Business Program Extension and Reform Act of 2011), I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall No. 746, providing for consideration of H.R. 2681, to provide additional time for the EPA to issue standards for cement manufacturing facilities, and for consideration of H.R. 2250, to provide additional time for the EPA to issue standards for industrial, commercial, and institutional boilers, process heaters, and incinerators, I would have voted "no."

SALUTING MR. LOUIS E. JAMES, PRESIDENT AND CEO SOLUTIONS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY LOGISTICS (SEEL)

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Louis E. James, President and Chief Executive Officer of Solutions for Energy Efficient Logistics (SEEL), recipient of the 2011 Andromeda Star of Energy Efficiency Award. Louis James has done Mississippi and his Alma Mater, Mississippi Valley State University in Itta Bena, Mississippi, proud.

SEEL, a Detroit-based minority owned enterprise was recognized by the Washington, DC-based organization, Alliance to Save Energy, for advancing energy efficiency. SEEL was selected for the award based upon its unprecedented commitment to provide energy-efficiency services to residents in the city of Detroit, its surrounding communities and throughout the state of Michigan. Specifically, SEEL is responsible for transitioning Detroit jobs from "blue" collar to "green" collar and successfully implementing energy efficiency programs for DTE Energy Neighborhood Energy Savings Outreach (NESO) program. As the facilitator of these programs, SEEL has increased efficiency at more than 25,000 properties and helped to boost neighborhood morale in its service areas and customer satisfaction for its client, DTE Energy. More significant is that Louis James created job opportunities in his area—hiring more than 75 new employees to implement the programs for which SEEL received the award.

Again, I ask that my colleagues congratulate Mr. Louis E. James and SEEL for receiving the prestigious "Star of Energy of Efficiency Awards" and for its outstanding achievements in energy efficiency and savings.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 745, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

A CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SANDY SKINN 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. Sandy Skinn for her induction into the Greene County Women's Hall of Fame.

Ms. Sandy Skinn, along with five other candidates, was selected from a pool of many worthy women to receive this honor, and thus,