

nothing more than volunteer time and donations. They are true examples of a civic spirit to which we can all aspire. Notable contributors to LARRI's philanthropic mission include: the Lake Area United Way, United Way of Porter County, Ridge United Methodist Church, Northwest Indiana Community Action Corporation, American Red Cross of Northwest Indiana, the Salvation Army, Dyer United Methodist Church, Gary Neighborhood, the Geminus Corporation, Continuum of Care Northwest Indiana, Lutheran Church Charities, Catholic Charities, McShane's Business Products and Solutions, and the Gary 411 newspaper, as well as individuals John Beebe and Ted Prettyman.

Mr. Speaker, Northwest Indiana is fortunate to have such an impressive array of willing humanitarians, and I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in recognizing this outstanding organization on its campaign. Although LARRI's efforts lasted a mere three years, this should only add to the profound impact the organization had on Northwest Indiana. I ask that you join me in honoring its individual members who freely gave so much of their time in service to their community.

CEMENT SECTOR REGULATORY RELIEF ACT OF 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2681) to provide additional time for the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to issue achievable standards for cement manufacturing facilities, and for other purposes:

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Chair, I want to clearly state my opposition to H.R. 2681, the so-called Cement Sector Regulatory Relief Act. This legislation is a special interest giveaway that will fail to create jobs and will expose American families to unnecessary and unacceptable health risks.

Last month, President Obama proposed the American Jobs Act to address the Nation's unemployment crisis. Economist Mark Zandi of Moody Analytics—a former McCain Presidential advisor—said the American Jobs Act would add 1.9 million jobs. Dozens of other independent economists agree this legislation would create jobs, boost economic growth and protect the country from slipping back into recession. Despite the urgent need to create jobs and grow the economy, the House Republican majority is refusing to bring the American Jobs Act to the floor for a vote.

Instead of passing the American Jobs Act, the majority is advancing a series of ideological bills that will cripple clean air and clean water protections. H.R. 2681 is the latest of these Republican assaults on public health. H.R. 2681 would delay the implementation of science-based rules to significantly reduce toxic emissions from cement plants. The 1990 Clean Air Act required the cement industry to reduce mercury and other pollutants. Today, cement plants are the third largest source of mercury pollution in the United States. Thou-

sands of families living in the shadow of these plants are now suffering from increased rates of neurological disorders, birth defects, learning disabilities, cancer and cardiovascular problems. Developing fetuses, infants and pregnant women are particularly vulnerable to the deadly effects of mercury.

After 11 years of consultation with the cement industry and other stakeholders, the Environmental Protection Agency has finalized a proposal to close this dangerous loophole. For every \$1 spent on complying with the EPA's proposed rules, the U.S. economy is projected to reap \$7–19 dollars in benefits from lower health care costs and higher productivity. This incredible return on investment shows that smart regulation can produce cleaner air, better health and a stronger economy.

Instead of offering a competing economic analysis, House Republicans are using anecdotal evidence to argue these new rules will harm employment in the cement industry. Contrary to what supporters of H.R. 2681 argue, employment in the cement industry has decreased due to efficiency gains in production and consolidation in the sector, not federal regulation. Even Republican economists are pushing back on the argument that federal regulation has a significant impact on job creation and retention. Bruce Bartlett, former economic advisor to President Reagan, is refuting these claims with data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics showing that businesses do not cite regulation as a leading cause of layoffs. According to this data, regulations were responsible for a minuscule 0.2 percent of layoffs in 2010. Despite the evidence, Republicans continue to cling to their anti-regulatory red herrings.

While H.R. 2681 may provide good partisan talking points for cable television and talk-radio, this legislation threatens real harm to families in Minnesota, and across the country. According to EPA's analysis, delaying the clean-up of toxic pollution from the cement industry for four years as called for in H.R. 2681 would result in devastating health effects, including up to: 10,000 premature deaths; 68,000 asthma attacks; 6,000 non-fatal heart attacks; and 520,000 days when people miss work because of illness.

For over forty years, the country has made tremendous bipartisan progress in cleaning up our environment while maintaining robust economic growth. We need to return to this tradition and refocus our attention on legislation that will actually address America's pressing jobs crisis. I urge my colleagues to reject this legislation, end the political games, and stand up for the health of American families.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, providing everyone with access to affordable health care continues to be an important issue in this Congress, and it is even more critical to the individuals seeking preventive care and treatment. This October, I would like to ask you, our colleagues and our communities to join me in recognizing the impact breast cancer has had on families across the nation.

Breast cancer is one of the leading cancers among women and tens of thousands die each year in this country as a result of this devastating illness. With proper education, screening and treatment, those deaths can be prevented. As we work to encourage research to find a cure, we must remember to be proactive by supporting breast cancer awareness that can save the lives of our mothers, sisters, wives and daughters.

IN RECOGNITION OF PATROLMAN FRANK PAPAIANNI

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in commemoration of Patrolman Frank Papaiani of Edison, New Jersey. On September 16, 1971, Patrolman Papaiani and his partner responded to a silent holdup alarm at a bank located within the Menlo Park Mall in Edison, New Jersey. The gunfire exchanged fatally wounded Patrolman Papaiani and critically wounded his partner. Today, members of the Edison community gather to remember and honor the life of Patrolman Frank Papaiani.

Patrolman Frank Papaiani was a noble officer who faithfully protected and served the local residents, businesses and visitors of Edison, New Jersey. Patrolman Papaiani served with the Edison Division of Police for three years and continued to personify his commitment and dedication to maintaining a safe and peaceful environment. He was survived by his wife Adeline and his three children, Maria, Joann and Frank. Lake Papaiani in Edison, New Jersey is named in honor of the late Patrolman.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in commemorating the life of Patrolman Frank Papaiani and remembering him for his dedication to serve and protect the township of Edison.

HONORING UNITED STATES ARMY SPECIALIST JAMES A. BUTZ

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKEY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Mr. VISCLOSKEY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and deep sadness that I wish to commend United States Army Specialist James A. Butz for his bravery and willingness to fight for his country. Specialist Butz was a member of the 1st Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division out of Fort Bragg, North Carolina. While serving in Afghanistan as a combat medic, on September 28, 2011, Specialist Butz was killed while rushing to assist two wounded Marines when an improvised explosive device detonated, taking his life and the lives of the two Marines. His sacrifice will forever be remembered by those he fought to protect.

A native of Porter, Indiana, James graduated from Chesterton High School in 2009. While in high school, James was a wrestler and football player. Many describe James as

very outgoing, happy, smart, and full of energy. After graduating high school in June 2009, James enlisted in the Army. According to his family, James decided in high school that he wanted to join the military. Family and friends remember James as a hard worker who enjoyed military life and thrived in that environment. His plans were to continue his military career and become a registered nurse. For his selfless commitment to the Army and outstanding dedication to his country, James is worthy of the highest praise. For his courage and sacrifice, James has been honored by the military with the Purple Heart, the Army Commendation Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the NATO medal, the Combat Medic Badge, and the Parachutist Badge. Although only a young man, James gained immense respect from those around him, and he was admired in his community. He will be greatly missed and forever cherished by those who loved him.

Specialist Butz leaves behind a loving family. He is survived by his adoring parents, John and Mary Jane Butz. James also leaves to cherish his memory his brothers, John and William. He also leaves behind many other dear friends and family members, as well as a saddened community and a grateful nation.

Mr. Speaker, at this time, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring a fallen hero, United States Army Specialist James A. Butz. Specialist Butz sacrificed his life in service to his country, and his passing comes as a great loss to our nation, which has once again been shaken by the realities of war. Specialist Butz will forever remain a hero in the eyes of his family, his community, and his country. Thus, let us never forget the sacrifice he made to preserve the ideals of freedom and democracy.

IN MEMORY OF MR. GEORGE
CONDON

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH
OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Mr. George Condon, an iconic journalist, author and historian that truly loved the City of Cleveland.

Born in Falls River, Massachusetts, George was the youngest of eight children. At the age of six, his Irish family moved to Cleveland's Ohio City neighborhood. He attended St. Patrick's on the Bridge and later West Tech High School during the height of the Great Depression. He left high school and began working at Atlas Display Fixture Company and later Blocks Clothing Store. After several years of working and saving money, George enrolled in the Ohio State University and graduated in 1941 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism. It was during college that George met his future wife, Marjorie Smith. The two married in 1942 and had seven children together.

Following graduation, George became the editor of the Mount Pelier, Ohio newspaper. Shortly after, he took a public relations job at Mount Union College before being hired by the Cleveland Plain Dealer in 1941. He started

at the Plain Dealer as a general assignment reporter and in 1948 became the first radio critic. He would later move to the editorial page, where he remained for the rest of his 41-year-long career. In addition to being a unique voice for the Plain Dealer, George became a respected historian for the City of Cleveland. He wrote nine books throughout his life including *Cleveland: The Best Kept Secret* and *Yesterday's Cleveland*.

George loved the City of Cleveland and, in return, he was honored and recognized countless times throughout his illustrious career. In addition to having been inducted in the Cleveland Journalism Hall of Fame, George has received the Ohiana Award, the Cleveland Award for Literature, the Burke Award for Literature and the Sigma Delta Chi Award for Distinguished Service.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the memory of Mr. George Condon, he will forever be remembered by the city that he loved.

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS NA-
TIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
AWARENESS MONTH

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Domestic Violence Awareness Month is a month-long project dedicated to addressing the victimization of men, women, and children in our nation and raising awareness of the devastating impact of domestic violence. This month, we honor the survivors of domestic violence, whose struggles and successes continue to inspire us all as we rededicate ourselves to ending domestic violence in our communities.

Domestic violence touches the lives of Americans of every background and circumstance and affects every sector of our society. It can be defined as a pattern of behavior in any relationship that is used to gain or maintain power and control over an intimate partner. Abuse can be physical, emotional, sexual, or behavior used to coerce, threaten or humiliate another person.

When it comes to domestic violence, there is no standard victim. It affects people from all walks of life, and individuals of every race, ethnicity, religion, gender, and socioeconomic background. Domestic violence is not restricted; it can happen to any couple, homosexual or heterosexual, whether they are married, living together, or dating.

Mr. Speaker, despite the progress and achievements we have made in the recent past, there is still so much more to do. It is time to put an end to this devastating crime. Far too many families in this nation are affected by domestic violence. It is a growing epidemic affecting local, national and international communities alike.

In the United States, one in four women and one in thirteen men will be the victim of domestic violence at some point in his or her lifetime and over 3.3 million children witness domestic violence each year. Further, domestic violence can also act as a precursor to more serious crimes. In 80% of intimate party homi-

cides, regardless of which partner was killed, domestic violence was present during the relationship prior to the killing. We must remember that these victims are not statistics, but people.

Mr. Speaker, victims of violence often suffer in silence, with limited options, not knowing where to turn for support and guidance. We need to break this silence. Local domestic violence agencies, shelters, victim services providing legal, emotional, and medical support are vital to helping victims and their families heal. To effectively respond to domestic violence, we must support efforts to help expand these services and to continue to foster awareness.

The Recovery Act passed by Congress in 2009 and signed by President Obama provided a total of \$225 million to the Office of Violence against Women for grant funding for programs which expands efforts to curtail domestic violence.

These vital funds help communities develop and enhance strategies to curb domestic violence, enhance services to people victimized by domestic violence, and work in cooperation to develop education and prevention strategies directed towards issues of domestic violence. Through knowledge, action and awareness we can take the necessary steps forward to reduce the prevalence of violence in our communities.

In addition, as part of the Affordable Care Act, women will receive free preventative care, including domestic violence screenings and counseling as well as ensure that insurance companies may no longer classify domestic violence victims as people with pre-existing conditions.

This month, let us recommit ourselves to ending domestic violence in our communities. We have a responsibility to continue to broaden our efforts to end violence against men, women and children. But we cannot solve this crisis alone. We must work together to create support, expand resources and eliminate barriers for victims of domestic violence. Stopping domestic violence means saving lives.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. I urge all Americans to take time this month to honor domestic violence survivors, applaud their strength and courage, and find out what you can do to help prevent domestic violence in your community.

TRIBUTE TO NEIL SAIGAL

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Neil Saigal, a remarkable young man who will be remembered as someone who lived life's moments to their fullest. His presence impacted, and changed for the better, all those who were fortunate enough to be in his company.

It's hard to imagine that such a bright flame has been extinguished, and even harder to imagine that we won't one day see Neil again with his camera in hand, a story to tell, and a witty remark on his lips. While we all miss Neil, we take comfort in knowing that God had better plans for him, and that he's found