

identified by the States to modernize and repair our aging systems.

The “Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2011” is intended to close that gap. For decades, the SRFs have been the traditional mechanism for Federal wastewater infrastructure assistance. The bill renews the Federal commitment to addressing our Nation’s substantial needs for wastewater infrastructure by investing \$13.8 billion in the State Revolving Funds over the next five years.

Recognizing that significant additional resources will be necessary, the bill also establishes two complimentary new initiatives for the long-term, sustainable financing of wastewater infrastructure. The first is a direct loan and loan guarantee program and the second, a Clean Water Infrastructure Trust Fund. These proposals, when implemented in concert, would leverage billions of additional dollars to meet local wastewater infrastructure needs, create jobs, and protect our public health and environmental quality.

Mr. Speaker, I recognize that some may express concern with the overall cost of this legislation; however, when compared to the estimated \$300 to \$400 billion in documented wastewater infrastructure needs for our communities over the next 20 years, I would suggest that this authorization will help meet, but not entirely close, the water infrastructure gap. In addition, based on a preliminary estimate by the Congressional Budget Office, this legislation would have no negative impact on direct spending and revenues over the next ten years under pay-as-you-go rules.

Meeting the critical water infrastructure investment needs of our local communities should not be a partisan issue. As my colleagues on the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure often say, “There is no such thing as Republican or Democratic infrastructure projects.” These are investments that benefit our local constituents, the economies of our towns, cities, and States, and provide the added benefit of protecting public health and the overall condition of the environment. I am pleased that this legislation has garnered bipartisan support for introduction, and I plan to work with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to see this Congress move on providing long-term, sustained investment in our nation’s wastewater infrastructure.

Again, this is a win-win proposal and as such, it has broad support from the Associated General Contractors of America, the National Assoc of Clean Water Agencies, Food and Water Watch, the Water Environment Federation, the National League of Cities, the Water Infrastructure Network, the American Society of Civil Engineers, the National Construction Alliance II, the American Public Works Association and many others.

In short, Mr. Speaker, this bill is good for America, for American workers and for the environment, and thus I urge my colleagues to join me and my fellow cosponsors in supporting this very important legislation that will help our economy recover.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL DAY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the National Day of the Republic of China. October 10, 1911 marked the day of the Wuchang Uprising, which served as the beginning to the Xinhai Revolution. The Xinhai Revolution established the present day Republic of China thus bringing an end to the Qing Dynasty.

Dr. Charles Ku is close friend of mine and the committee chair to the DFW Chinese Double Tenth Centennial Celebration Committee. I am a strong supporter of Dr. Ku and his activeness within our Chinese community. The DFW Chinese Double Tenth Centennial Celebration Committee sponsors the Dallas Chinese Community Center whose mission it is to promote Chinese culture and diversity through recreational programs and enrich the lives of Chinese immigrants.

As a result, the Dallas-Fort Worth area has a thriving Chinese culture. It is worth recognizing and commending the DFW Chinese Double Tenth Centennial Celebration Committee, the Dallas Chinese Community Center, Dr. Ku, and the entire Chinese community for standing by this county’s tradition and value of maintaining a diverse cultural presence. So, it is with great honor that I congratulate the Republic of China and the Chinese community on their 100th anniversary of the National Day of the Republic of China.

IN RECOGNITION OF NORTHERN OHIO LEBANESE AMERICAN AS- SOCIATION’S 6TH ANNUAL LEBANESE AMERICAN HERITAGE BALL

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Northern Ohio Lebanese American Association’s 6th Annual Lebanese American Heritage Ball which will be honoring General John P. Abizaid, retired United States Army General and the former Commander of the United States Central Command.

The Northern Ohio Lebanese American Association (NOLAA) was founded in 1931 as a social and charitable organization. NOLAA’s original purpose was to promote an understanding and unity among its members, act as a resource to better the conditions of its members and to foster unity among Lebanese Americans and their families in Cleveland and neighboring cities. In 2005, the Lebanese American Christian Society (LACS) was established in conjunction with NOLAA. Today NOLAA and LACS are dedicated to preserving, enriching, and promoting Lebanese heritage and traditions through cultural, educational, humanitarian and social activities.

NOLAA’s Annual Lebanese Heritage Ball honors those who have made significant contributions to the community. This year’s celebration will honor General John P. Abizaid, a

retired U.S. Army General and the former Commander of the U.S. Central Command. General Abizaid rose to the rank of a four-star general during his 34 year long career with the U.S. Army. The Ball will also feature Tony Kiwan, a world renowned Lebanese singer.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing the Northern Ohio Lebanese American Association as they come together to celebrate their Annual Lebanese Heritage Ball and General John P. Abizaid.

RECOGNIZING DR. JACK VORONA’S INDUCTION INTO THE DIA TORCH BEARERS HALL

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Dr. Jack Vorona of Falls Church, Virginia for his induction into the Defense Intelligence Agency’s Torch Bearers Hall. DIA established Torch Bearers Hall this year to coincide with its 50th anniversary and to recognize former employees who have made exceptional contributions to its mission. Dr. Vorona’s invaluable leadership in developing scientific and technical intelligence programs during the height of the Cold War helped keep Americans safe and secured him a spot among the eight inaugural recipients of this honor.

During his 25-year career at DIA, Dr. Vorona developed many programs aimed at identifying foreign defense technologies that could threaten the U.S. and its allies, including nuclear technologies. As Deputy Director for Scientific and Technical Intelligence, he oversaw funding to address the most significant threats posed by massive Soviet investments in science, technology, and weapons programs. His work was vital in helping to ensure that the U.S. was never technologically surprised.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Vorona’s remarkable achievements and in thanking him for his dedicated service to the nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of “Domestic Violence Awareness Month.” The month of October is designated as a time to honor the unknown number of lives lost to domestic violence, recognize the survivors, and applaud the work of dedicated advocates, social workers, and counselors. By bringing awareness to this issue we can help to erase the stigma for survivors of domestic violence.

Domestic violence happens in every community. Domestic abuse takes the form of physical violence, sexual assaults, economic abuse, verbal manipulation, stalking, or psychological intimidation. It affects children, women, and men regardless of where they

live, how much they earn, the color of their skin, or the level of education they have attained. One in four women will experience domestic violence during her lifetime. An estimated 1.3 million women will be physically assaulted this year. And in Minnesota, at least 15 women, 7 children, and 2 men died from domestic violence in 2010. Yet despite all of this, domestic violence remains a "hidden crime" with most incidents going unreported.

While progress has been made to raise awareness of domestic violence and provide needed services to survivors, much more must be done to break the culture of silence surrounding this public health epidemic. Law enforcement, health providers, community leaders, social workers, teachers, and concerned citizens must work together to hold perpetrators accountable and ensure survivors have the support and resources they need. Communities need to promote a culture of safety and support. Individuals have to stand up and declare with our words and actions that domestic violence is unacceptable.

For those committed to ending domestic violence, and in honor of survivors of domestic abuse, I stand today in support of "Domestic Violence Awareness Month".

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. JOHN
DiLEO, JR.

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. John DiLeo, Jr., Italian Tribune's 41st Annual Columbus Day Gala honoree. Mr. DiLeo has demonstrated outstanding entrepreneurial and philanthropic endeavors during his tenure and is undoubtedly worthy of this body's recognition.

Mr. DiLeo is the reigning President of Hylan Datacom and Electrical, Inc. in Holmdel, New Jersey. Mr. DiLeo has admirably worked side-by-side with his father, Mr. John S. DiLeo, Sr. for over 20 years, learning and executing the responsibilities to successfully fulfill the mission of Hylan Datacom and Electrical. He has retained responsibility for all of the organization's financial and business decisions at Hylan Datacom. Mr. DiLeo continues to exceed customers' needs and expectations while maintaining a powerful work ethic and customer-centered approach. Mr. DiLeo is also President of Gordon Petroleum, Inc. and owns and operates multiple corporations in the tri-State area. He is also a partner to six Perkins Restaurants and Damon's Steakhouse, family owned businesses that continue to appeal to residents throughout New York and New Jersey. Mr. DiLeo is currently a Board Member with the Staten Island Economic Development Corporation and has held this position since 2002.

In addition to his professional responsibilities, Mr. DiLeo supports various charitable organizations, including the Count Basie Theater Foundation, Girl Scouts of America and South Shore Rotary. He is a proud graduate of St. John's University and is an avid sports fan, passionate about animals and nature. John is also happily married to his wife Madeline of 22 years.

Mr. Speaker, once again please join me in congratulating Mr. John DiLeo for receiving

the honor bestowed by the Italian Tribune at their 41st Annual Columbus Day Gala. Mr. DiLeo continues to provide outstanding services to the members of the community and the constituents of my district.

RECOGNIZING GLASGOW INVESTIGATIVE SOLUTIONS, INC. OF
WOODBRIDGE, VA

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Glasgow Investigative Solutions, Incorporated, of Woodbridge, Virginia (GIS), for its acceptance into the National Center for the Veteran Institute for Procurement (VIP).

Founded in 2004 by Mr. Rudolph A. Glasgow, GIS is a disabled veteran, minority-owned business, providing quality services with integrity and high ethical standards. These services include background investigations for the issuance of government security clearances, pre-employment background screening, criminal record searches, education verification, employment reference verification, credit reports, civil record searches, driving record searches and finger printing.

VIP, a program of the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce, is the country's first-ever program to train veteran small business owners to succeed in the federal contracting market. VIP has helped more than 200 veteran-owned businesses win government contracts and continues to actively serve veterans by connecting top executives of veteran owned small businesses with leaders in government and industry.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to be accepted into this program and I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Glasgow Investigative Solutions for its accomplishment.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MAYOR
JEROEL D. "J.D." BRAY

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 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 and service of Northwest Florida's beloved Jeroel D. "J.D." Bray.

Born in Jay, Florida on December 25, 1919 to H.H. "Hub" and Alice Bray, J.D. spent his childhood with his brothers, Charlie, C.H. "Chab," and Raymond; and his sisters, Beatrice, Mattie, Myrtle, and Maudie, helping out on the family farm and playing sports. He attended Jay High School and played football, baseball, and basketball.

J.D. Bray was a true patriot, and when his country called him to duty during World War II, he responded with honor and distinction. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1938 and upon completion of basic training, was sent to the Panama Canal. Later, as a member of the infantry, he fought in the Battle of the Bulge. J.D. earned the rank of Sergeant and received an honorable discharge in 1945.

When he returned home, J.D. worked as a lineman with the Escambia River Electric Cooperative, and in 1952, he married Theda Warrick in Pascagoula, Mississippi. They bought and operated a local service station, and J.D. later joined the Santa Rosa County Road Department in Northwest Florida, where he retired in 1988. Throughout the course of his life, he understood and exemplified the true meaning of public service. As an active member in the Jay community, J.D. served as a City Councilman from 1954 to 1956 and then was elected to serve as Mayor. For 44 years, Mayor Bray held the position and assisted in the growth of the town's infrastructure through his invaluable leadership and unwavering dedication. Aside from his career, Mayor Bray was a member of the American Legion, past Commander of Edeker-DuBose Post 121 in Jay, a 32° freemason, and a member of Red Rock Masonic Lodge #96 in Munson, Florida.

Mayor Bray is survived by his wife of 59 years, Theda; three children, Debbie (Michael) Gilley, Cheryl Bray, and Stewart (Maria) Bray; his grandchildren, S.J. Bray and Meghan Gilley; great-granddaughter, Tristan Bray; and his sister, Myrtle Bray.

To some, Mayor Bray will be remembered as a courageous member of our armed services who answered the call of duty during one of our Nation's most trying hours; to others, he will be remembered as a successful farmer, gardener, and a regular at the peanut co-op. He was a distinguished public servant, volunteer, and soldier; however, above all, Mayor Bray was a true family man. More than anything, J.D. enjoyed spending time with his family, friends, and neighbors, and he loved cheering his Florida State Seminoles to victory. Northwest Florida mourns the loss of a true leader, and his service to the community and this Nation will not be forgotten.

RECOGNIZING CLIFF MOSHOGINIS

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Cliff Moshoginis of Kalamazoo, Michigan, who was named Airport Manager of the Year by the Michigan Association of Airport Executives on Thursday, September 15, 2011.

Mr. Moshoginis began his career at the Kalamazoo/Battle Creek International Airport in 1993. In 1999, he rose to assistant director of the airport, and in 2006 became its director. Mr. Moshoginis was chosen as the recipient of this impressive honor by the president of the association and other members of the board. He himself previously served as president of the association and currently acts as its legislative committee chair.

Despite enormous challenges that have directly affected the air transportation industry in recent years, Mr. Moshoginis has displayed great innovation in keeping our airports safe and efficient. It is because of his vision and direction that the Kalamazoo/Battle Creek International Airport has prospered, seeing an 11 percent increase in employment and approval of several new construction projects.

I was pleased that the Kalamazoo/Battle Creek International Airport recently received