

they are still having internal discussions among city and legal staff.

City leaders said it is likely that most of the city councils will be asked to repeal the ordinance. Another option is a legal battle, but officials said that would be an unlikely choice because of costs.

In Temecula and Murrieta, there have been no reports of immigration violations since the E-Verify ordinances went into place. Staff for both southwest Riverside County cities said they did not view illegal immigration as a major issue in their towns.

"When you look at the whole issue, it's a federal issue," Temecula Deputy City Manager Grant Yates said. "When you look at actions across the country . . . the frustration is that at the federal level we don't have clear direction."

In Hemet, the city passed its ordinance in June and just recently got new business license paperwork with the E-Verify information on it. Staff members are now instructing applicants to ignore that language.

"California is a dysfunctional state and therefore it makes it difficult on local governments to implement this and a host of other issues," said Brian Ambrose, a Senior Management Analyst with the city of Murrieta. "Does this surprise me? No."

"The state legislature passed this bill, and if that's the legislature and governor's desire, we are content to do what they wish. (But) this is absolutely far from over."

#### FEDERAL ISSUE?

Many local city officials said they will keep a close eye on the federal push for the E-Verify system because they believe the federal government should be the one making the final decision on immigration issues.

Kathleen Kim, a professor at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles who specializes in immigration issues, said E-Verify should be dealt with on the national level and that asking private businesses to run immigration checks blurs the line between the public and private sector.

"I think the workplace should not be the location for immigration enforcement," Kim said. "E-Verify and the controversy over it is an example of why immigration enforcement should be taken out of the workplace and put in the hands of trained officers."

"This attempt to privatize immigration enforcement in the workplace can never find a comfortable solution."

Republican State Sen. Bill Emmerson said he opposed the state bill and that it goes against Brown's campaign for governor, during which he said he wanted to shift power to local agencies. Emmerson, whose 37th District includes Hemet, Menifee, Lake Elsinore, Moreno Valley and Corona, said he was surprised by the bill.

"It's another case of the state stepping in and not allowing local governments to use the tools available to them," Emmerson said. "To say they can't use a federal program seems not fair."

"The federal government has to be the level of government that steps up and makes the fix so states have a clearer policy of what to do."

#### LOCAL POLICIES

Hemet: All businesses in the city must check newly hired employees through E-Verify.

Lake Elsinore: All businesses in the city must check newly hired employees through E-Verify.

Menifee: All applicants for a business license must affirm their intent to use E-Verify.

Murrieta: All businesses in the city must check newly hired employees through E-Verify.

Norco: All businesses that have contracts with the city must use E-Verify.

San Bernardino County: All county contractors must use E-Verify.

Temecula: All businesses in the city must check newly hired employees through E-Verify.

Wildomar: All city contractors must use E-Verify and provide documentation of doing so.

#### HONORING THE ROCK BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL LADY BRUINS GOLF TEAM

#### HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 27, 2011*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Rock Bridge High School Lady Bruins golf team on its first state title.

The young women and their coaches should be commended for all their hard work throughout the regular season and on bringing home the Class 2 State Golf Championship to their school and community.

The girls played through less-than-ideal weather to beat their seven competitors. With a nine-stroke lead, the team won with a final score of 352.

I ask that you join me in recognizing the Rock Bridge High School Lady Bruins for a job well done.

#### HONORING TIM MCGRAW

#### HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 27, 2011*

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, the true greatness of our state and country lies in the creativity, integrity, and passion of its people, and we are fortunate to be surrounded by mighty examples of dedication to leadership, service, and support of the arts. I rise today to honor Tim McGraw as he receives the Applause Award. Given each year to those who devote their time, talents, and treasures to the performing arts and arts education in middle Tennessee, Tim McGraw joins Ted Welch as this year's deserved recipients.

From bluegrass, to rockabilly, to traditional country, the notes composing the symphony of country music are as diverse as they are enticing. A common thread among the stars of Music City is their devotion to causes greater than themselves. Tonight's award recipient, Tim McGraw, is no exception. Known the world over for his talents in harmonies and melodies, McGraw can be found in service to the American Red Cross, Nashville Rising, and various state and local foundations.

A successful arts program is one of the markers of a successful community, and I am thankful for all those who remain devoted to the Tennessee Performing Arts Center and its Education Programs. Through music, theater, ballet, and art, TPAC provides elevated experiences to middle Tennessee patrons. I rise today to honor Tim McGraw for his loyalty to not only the arts in his community, but his community as a whole. I ask my colleagues to join with me in celebrating McGraw's contributions to and success in Music City.

IN HONOR OF MR. BOB SCHIEFFER

#### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 27, 2011*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Bob Schieffer to acknowledge his contribution to broadcasting. He has been a valuable journalist in the broadcasting community for several decades and the host of CBS' "Face the Nation" for 20 years.

Mr. Schieffer was born on February 25th, 1937 and grew up in Fort Worth, Texas. He went to North Side High School and attended Texas Christian University. Upon graduating from TCU, Mr. Schieffer joined the US Air Force where he earned the ranks of captain and information officer. His first reporting job was with the Fort Worth-Star Telegram where he was a police reporter.

He has been a journalist for CBS since 1969 and hosted the "CBS Evening News" for 23 years. His career covering national politics included assignments with the White House, Pentagon, Department of State, and Congress. During the 2004 and 2008 presidential elections, he served as moderator of the third presidential debates. Mr. Schieffer has also written three books regarding his career in broadcasting.

Mr. Schieffer has won six Emmy awards, as well as the National Press Foundation's Broadcaster of the Year Award. He has also been named to the Broadcasting/Cable Hall of Fame. In 2005, Texas Christian University honored him by naming the Schieffer School of Journalism in his honor.

Mr. and Mrs. Schleifer currently reside in Washington D.C. and are the parents of two daughters.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the work of Mr. Schieffer and celebrating his countless achievements.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. MICHAEL G. GRIMM

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 27, 2011*

Mr. GRIMM. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 807 I had district work that required my presence. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay".

#### HONORING THE SERVICE OF JOHN BRUCE TO THE ARMY

#### HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 27, 2011*

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, one of the enduring beliefs of life in America is that a person can rise through the ranks and achieve success through a combination of hard work, determination, and honesty. This link between hard work and success is one of our country's core values, and appropriately so. Our country is a better place because of the efforts of those who quietly go to work every day, meet the challenges of their jobs, and exceed expectations.

These qualities are not uncommon among the men and women who serve in our nation's Armed Forces, but it's not every day that you can point to someone who has lived up to these standards over a career that spans nearly seven decades. I am pleased to recognize a man who has done just that, John Bruce of Troy, Michigan.

Mr. Bruce served in the South Pacific during World War II as a member of the Army Signal Corps. After being honorably discharged following the war, he began a career at the Detroit Arsenal in 1946 as a cost/price analyst. Mr. Bruce has been with TACOM ever since, accepting greater and greater responsibilities. He has served as Chief of Payroll, Chief of Financial Accounting, Deputy Comptroller, and Chief of the Detroit Arsenal Procurement Office, to name only a few of the positions he has held over the years.

Mr. Bruce has been honored on many occasions for his service. His awards include the Secretary of the Army Award for outstanding achievement in material acquisition; the Commanders Award for exceptional Civilian Service, the Meritorious Civilian Service Award, the Achievement Medal for Superior Civilian Service, the Superior Civilian Service Award, the Commander's Award for Civilian Service, and the Department of the Army Decoration for Exceptional Service.

Mr. Bruce is a graduate of UCLA, where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration. He and his late wife, Jean, have two daughters, Nancy and Barbara.

When John Bruce retires on his 94th birthday on December 3, he will be TACOM's and the Army's longest serving employee. I ask the House of Representatives to join me in expressing our gratitude to Mr. Bruce for his many years of service to the nation. Congratulations for a remarkable career and a job well done.

LETTER TO NOAA ADMINISTRATOR JANE LUBCHENCO REGARDING HER INACCURATE AND UNCONSTRUCTIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS LEGISLATION

**HON. FRANK R. WOLF**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I submit a letter that I have sent to National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration administrator Jane Lubchenco in response to inaccurate and unconstructive remarks about the House Commerce-Justice-Science Appropriations Subcommittee recommended funding for the Joint Polar Satellite System.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

October 26, 2011.

Dr. JANE LUBCHENCO,  
Undersecretary for Oceans and Atmosphere,  
Department of Commerce, Washington, DC.

DEAR DR. LUBCHENCO: I was disappointed by your recent remarks to the Guardian newspaper accusing congressional Republicans of endangering the Joint Polar Satellite System (JPSS). I want you to know that your reported accusations were neither accurate nor constructive.

According to the article, "Republican budget-cutting measures would knock out

that critical capacity by delaying the launch of the next generation polar-orbiting satellites," said Jane Lubchenco." You are also quoted as saying, "It is a disaster in the making. It's an expression of the dysfunction in our system." Your remarks mirror similar comments made by deputy administrator Kathryn Sullivan to the Washington Post earlier this summer.

Perhaps you are unaware that the Republican-authored House FY 2011 bill recommended a higher level of funding for NOAA's satellite acquisition account than the Democrat-authored Senate bill despite the House having a lower allocation than the Senate. Further, for FY 2012, the House Commerce-Justice-Science Appropriations subcommittee recommended \$901 million, a nearly \$430 million increase—91%—above the FY 2011 level for JPSS. Despite having an allocation \$2.5 billion higher than the House, the Senate recommended an amount only slightly above the House recommendation, \$920 million. To my knowledge, you have never criticized Senate funding levels for JPSS. While the House did not provide the full \$1 billion requested, the House level is a significant amount of funding given these austere budget times when other programs in the Commerce-Justice-Science bill were significantly reduced or eliminated altogether.

Finally, I would call your attention to the fact that any gap in satellite data is not due to lack of funding, "Republican budget-cutting measures" or "the dysfunction in our system," but rather years of poor inter-agency management that resulted in the cancellation of the National Polar-orbiting Operational Environmental Satellite System (NPOESS) satellite program after being more than five years behind schedule, twice as expensive with fewer satellites and less capability. The caution shown by the Congress with regard to funding the successor program, JPSS, is fully justified in light of this record of waste and mismanagement. I have noted below portions of September, 2011 GAO testimony to the Congress on NPOESS mismanagement, from GAO-11-945T:

"When its primary contract was awarded in August 2002, NPOESS was estimated to cost about \$7 billion through 2026 and was considered critical to the United States' ability to maintain the continuity of data required for weather forecasting and global climate monitoring. However, in the years after the program was initiated, NPOESS encountered significant technical challenges in sensor development, program cost growth, and schedule delays. By November 2005, we estimated that the program's cost had grown to \$10 billion, and the schedule for the first launch was delayed by almost 2 years. These issues led to a 2006 restructuring of the program which reduced the program's functionality by decreasing the number of planned satellites, orbits, and instruments. The restructuring also led agency executives to decide to mitigate potential data gaps by using NPP as an operational satellite. Even after the restructuring, however, the program continued to encounter technical issues in developing two sensors, significant tri-agency management challenges, schedule delays, and further cost increases. Faced with costs that were expected to exceed \$14 billion and launch schedules that were delayed by over 5 years, in August 2009, the Executive Office of the President formed a task force, led by the Office of Science and Technology Policy, to investigate the management and acquisition options that would improve the NPOESS program. As a result of this review, the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy announced in February 2010 that NOAA and DOD would no

longer jointly procure the NPOESS satellite system; instead, each agency would plan and acquire its own satellite system."

Your reported inaccurate and partisan comments are unhelpful. I urge you to publicly correct these inaccurate statements. I await your prompt response.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,

FRANK R. WOLF,

Chairman, Commerce-Justice-Science

Subcommittee, Appropriations Committee.

HONORING JULIE WATKINS FOR  
TWENTY-THREE YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

**HON. NICK J. RAHALL II**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, it is always hard to say goodbye to a valued staff person, but today is especially difficult in wishing Julie Watkins a fond farewell as she begins her retirement.

Julie has served the people of West Virginia as a staff member in the U.S. Congress since 1989, almost 23 years.

Julie began her Congressional tenure working in the mailroom for West Virginia's beloved Senator Robert C. Byrd. She later moved to Senator Byrd's front office, where she was a Staff Assistant who proved her commitment daily to her job. Rising at 3:15 a.m., each morning, in order to drive from rural Virginia to be in the office by 5 a.m., Julie impressed Senator Byrd and everybody on staff with her diligence and hard work.

Julie later was promoted to Front Office Manager and then Office Manager, training every new Staff Assistant who came to work in Senator Byrd's front office, forty-eight in total, while she was in that position. After fifteen years, in 2005, she left the front office to try her hand at casework. Senator Byrd, who thought so very highly of Julie, was deeply reluctant to let her go—refusing to accept for the longest time that Julie was no longer looking after his front office—a position upon which he placed tremendous value. She had been, for so long, his warm, welcoming, efficient representative to so many West Virginians whenever they called for help or came to visit Capitol Hill.

When Senator Byrd passed away last year, I was fortunate that Julie agreed to come to work on the House Natural Resources Committee, on which I was Chairman. She worked in my Committee office, and later graciously moved to my personal office, once again resuming the vital duties of the front desk.

I cannot help but feel a little boastful in saying that I succeeded where Senator Byrd did not in convincing Julie to move back into the front office. I know, however, that Senator Byrd would be so proud to know that all of Julie's skill and experience were still being employed, at least for a little while longer, in serving the people of West Virginia.

Julie is one of those prized Congressional staffers who master their job. Many times they are not high profile positions, but they are essential to a smooth running office and to ensuring that our constituents are well and effectively served. Julie knows what so many of us forget or fail to understand: filling the copy