

down if it chooses to attack. Yet China tells the U.S. "don't sell F-16s to Taiwan" and so we don't.

On September 21st, the Administration officially notified Congress of its decision to only offer Taiwan an upgrade of existing F-16A/Bs, rather than sell 66 new F-16 C/Ds as the Government in Taipei had requested. The C/D aircraft would've gone to replace the 30-year-old F-5s. Now, the Ft. Worth, Texas production line may close because of lack of new orders. This should not be an issue. Our good friends, the Taiwanese, want to buy them.

The U.S. needs to boost its economy and prevent Chinese aggression. This sale would've been good for everybody. Everybody, that is, except China. America has to do what is in our best interest. And, it is not in our best interest to give in to a brutal, communist regime while forsaking our democratic ally. I fully support selling modern aircraft to Taiwan.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING THOMAS MORAN AND THE HUDSON RIVER SCHOOL OF PAINTING

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 18, 2011

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the important role played by the artists of the Hudson River School in the development of the conservation movement and the creation of America's National Park System. In particular, I rise to honor the painter Thomas Moran, who came to prominence in the United States in the 1870's for the landscapes he painted while accompanying the geological and geographic survey of America's West headed by Ferdinand V. Hayden. During that era, the promotion of settlement and commerce in America's West was a centerpiece of federal domestic policy, with a special focus on exploiting the area's vast natural resources. However, watercolors by Moran sent back to Washington with Hayden's scientific data helped convince Congress that certain areas of exceptional beauty in the West should be preserved in their natural state.

Shortly after Congress established the first National Park at Yellowstone, Moran's 7 by 11 foot canvas "The Grand Canyon of The Yellowstone" was unveiled to the public at the U.S. Capitol. If any pictorial representation could do justice to the West's natural treasures, it was the large-scale landscape style of Moran and his contemporaries. These massive paintings captured the popular imagination, compelling Congress to expand federal land holdings in the West and establish Yosemite and Sequoia National Parks in California and Mount Rainier National Park in Washington before the close of the 19th Century.

Moran later accompanied John Wesley Powell's survey of the Utah and Arizona Territories, documenting the natural formations of what are now Zion and Arches National Parks. On this expedition, Moran encountered the natural wonder that would fascinate him for the rest of his life: the Grand Canyon of the Colorado River. In 1874, Congress purchased

Moran's massive canvas: "The Chasm of the Colorado," which he produced along with two dozen wood engravings for a widely read account of the Powell expedition published in Scribner's Monthly magazine. Moran wrote of the Grand Canyon, which joined the ranks of the National Parks in 1912: "Of all places on Earth the great canyon of Arizona is the most inspiring in its pictorial possibilities."

Mr. Speaker, later in life, Moran spent many years living and working in East Hampton, in New York's First Congressional District, where the unique quality of light has attracted some of our Nation's finest painters. However, we are truly fortunate that his prodigious talent found a fitting subject in the incomparable majesty of the American West. Along with his contemporary Albert Bierstadt and the other members of the Hudson River School, Moran introduced millions of Americans to our western lands and played a vital role in encouraging his generation to preserve America's Crown Jewels—our National Parks—for the enjoyment of generations to come.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2112, CONSOLIDATED AND FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2011

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, this is not a perfect bill, but it is certainly worthy of our support. H.R. 2112 represents a fair compromise between both parties and is an example of how we can achieve concrete results for the American people if we roll up our sleeves and get to work. Earlier today, I called on Congress to skip the upcoming planned recess so we can accomplish the business of the American people. Passage of this bill will represent the first step forward in that regard.

There is much to be proud of in this legislation. H.R. 2112 provides \$2.5 billion for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), which is \$334 million above the House-passed version of the legislation. This bill will give FDA the necessary resources to continue the implementation of the Food Safety Modernization Act, of which I am the author and will help keep tainted food off of our shelves. We will also restore our commitment to the most vulnerable among us by providing \$6.6 billion for the Women, Infant and Children (WIC) nutrition program, which is \$570 million over the House-passed level.

I have called on my colleagues to pass legislation that will invest in our infrastructure and H.R. 2112 will make small progress in that area. It includes \$500 million for a third round of TIGER grants, which have been critical in helping state and local governments to move forward on large, regional projects that will have significant impacts on their communities. The federal-aid highway program will receive \$39.8 billion, which is \$12.1 billion more than the House proposal, an investment that will result in 400,000 more jobs than what House Republicans supported. This bill will also include \$10.5 billion for transit programs, \$2.5 billion more than the House bill, which means DOT will be able to continue to support

projects that help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and provide commuters with an alternative to their personal vehicles when traveling to work or to run errands. I am, however, disappointed that this bill contains no funding for high-speed rail. I would remind my colleagues that we are continuing to cede innovative ground on this development to the Chinese, Japanese and French, and it is imperative we do not halt progress on President Obama's vision to create national high-speed rail network.

H.R. 2112 will also invest in innovation by providing an increase of \$173 billion, or \$7 billion, for the National Science Foundation. This investment is critical to ensuring that the United States is supporting high-risk, high-pay-off ideas that the private market cannot or will not invest in. Such innovation will also be supported through an increase in funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership, which helps small to medium-sized manufacturers to become more efficient and more competitive in a globalized economy. It also maintains funding for research efforts in the Great Lakes, a national treasure we must preserve and which provides countless opportunities for recreation, conservation, and jobs.

Compromise is never perfect, and quite often neither side is fully satisfied with the outcome. But everyone will need to make sacrifices if we are to adequately address the unfinished business of the American people. And that is what this bill is—unfinished business. H.R. 2112 will ensure that Congress is back here to have the same debate on a different set of appropriation bills on December 16th. If Congress had passed the 12 appropriations bills individually, we would not be debating H.R. 2112 today.

We were elected to be civic leaders who could put public interests before self interests. It is not in America's best interest to sit here refusing to support a bill that does not mirror each of our individual priorities. What is in America's best interest and helps move us forward is to come together today and support a compromise that, while imperfect, gets the job done. I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to serve that purpose by supporting this bill and continue to find ways to make meaningful agreements to pass legislation that will put Americans back to work and help rebuild our economy.

MISSISSIPPI AND VIRGINIA MAKE HISTORY

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 18, 2011

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, history was made last week in off-year elections with Republicans gaining a majority in the Mississippi House for the first time in years and Republicans gaining a majority in the Virginia Senate, along with the State House and the Governorship for the first time in 130 years.

With these gains, Republicans are now state legislative majorities in both houses in all states from Texas to Florida to Virginia and all states in between except narrowly in Arkansas.

I am grateful my home state of South Carolina is symbolic of change. Fifty years ago this

August, Charlie Boineau of Richland was elected the first Republican legislator of the Twentieth Century and the next year, State Rep. Floyd Spence was the first party switch ever leading in 1994 to David Wilkins elected the first Republican Speaker in the South. In 2010 all nine Republican statewide candidates were elected with the Governor being the first female in 341 years and only the second Indian American in national history. Seven out of eight federal officials are now Republicans.

Encouraging the extraordinary change are transplants from the Northeast and Midwest who have relocated for a milder climate and lower taxes.

In conclusion, God Bless our Troops and we will never forget September 11th in the Global War on Terrorism.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE GREATER
BEULAH BAPTIST CHURCH'S
108TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 18, 2011

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, It is my pleasure and honor to extend my sincere congratulations to the congregation of the Greater Beulah Baptist Church in Columbus, as the church's membership and leadership celebrates 108 years of providing spiritual guidance, moral counseling and dedicated community service to the residents of Muscogee County, Georgia. The congregation of Greater Beulah Baptist Church will celebrate their 108th anniversary on Sunday, November 20, 2011 at service ceremonies on the church's campus at 631 Sixth Avenue in Columbus, Georgia.

This upcoming anniversary ceremony will enable church members, local religious leaders, elected officials and other individuals throughout the Columbus, Georgia metropolitan area to pay tribute to the members of Greater Beulah Baptist Church who have positively contributed to the spiritual maturation and personal development of those in the Columbus, Georgia metropolitan area and beyond.

As one of Columbus, Georgia's long-standing institutions of Christian excellence, the Greater Beulah Baptist Church traces its historical roots back to 1903.

Throughout the last two centuries, the church's edifice has gone through numerous transformations, renovations and relocations. In the early 20th century, the church was located in a one-bedroom house on the corner of Dry Avenue and 12th Street. In 1904, the church relocated to a red church building on Magnolia Street and in the late 1940s, the church was reconstructed before moving to 6th Avenue.

Over the years the church has expanded its external and internal outreach efforts through the establishment of a Senior Choir; Gospel Choir; Junior Choir; Inspirational & Mass Choirs; Chester Medley Hayes Young Adult Choir; Golden Age Ministry; Layman Ministry; Prayer and Praise Team; Intercessory Prayer Ministry; Women Outreach Ministry; Greater Beulah Women Inreach Ministry; and Children's Church.

Over the years, the Greater Beulah Baptist Church has remained a dedicated community leader and supporter of projects that have assisted individuals in need. The church's Evangelistic Committee and Catherine Gordon Scholarship Fund have helped to advance educational charitable opportunities for students throughout Muscogee County, Georgia.

Mr. Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the Greater Beulah Baptist Church in Columbus, Georgia for all the many things this church's members have done and will continue to do to positively impact the lives of those seeking spiritual guidance and in need of charitable assistance.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH
BIRTHDAY OF MS. SARAH BOYD

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 18, 2011

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the birthday of Ms. Sarah Boyd who turns 100 years old on November 22, 2011.

Born to Sanders Aye and Annie Aye on November 22, 1911, in Eastover, South Carolina, Ms. Boyd is the youngest of her four siblings, two brothers, and two sisters. She received her education from The Weber School in Eastover, South Carolina and lived in the city of Columbia, South Carolina where she met and married Ernest Boyd. In 1945, they moved to my Congressional District in Harlem, New York where she has remained ever since.

Nicknamed "Doll", it is remarkable to imagine all that she has been able to witness during her remarkable life. When she was born, the 27th President William H. Taft was in office and Jim Crow Laws ruled the land. She lived through the Civil Rights Movement during the Sixties and saw President Barak Obama elected as 44th President of the United States of America. She has seen our great nation in times of peace and in times of wars. She has lived through the Great Depression, and has been part of our country's strength and resolve during this past century. Let us look to her today for inspiration as we face many challenges.

A couple of her anecdotes are: "Make sure to get plenty of rest" and "Don't eat meat a few hours before going bed." But most of all, she often says: "God is Good" and "He will make a way! If you take one step, God will take two."

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor such an extraordinary member of our community on her 100th birthday. I wish Ms. Sarah "Doll" Boyd, as well her daughter Annie, son-in-law Levi Carter, four grandchildren, five great grandchildren and twin great, great granddaughters many more joyous days.

RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 15 AS
AMERICA RECYCLES DAY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 18, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize, along with my col-

league, Rep. GEOFF DAVIS, the date of November 15 as America Recycles Day, an annual event intended to raise awareness and promote the social, environmental, and economic benefits of recycling and purchasing products made from recycled materials.

I also wish to highlight the automotive recycling industry, which reduces our need for already scarce landfill space, and makes important strides toward preserving precious natural resources. During the recycling process, more than 80 percent of an entire automobile by weight can be reused, remanufactured or recycled. This process saves an estimated 85 million barrels of oil, which would have otherwise been used in the manufacturing of new or replacement parts.

In addition, the automotive recycling industry employs more than 108,000 workers throughout the United States. A majority of the businesses in this industry are small, and in many cases are owned and operated by families.

The Automotive Recycler's Association (ARA) is an international trade association which represents businesses in an industry devoted to the removal and reuse of still-viable automotive parts, and to the safe disposal of inoperable motor vehicles. Our Nation owes a great debt to the 4,500 automotive recycling facilities represented by the ARA, which help to recycle more than 11 million retired vehicles each year. ARA also serves as a regulatory body, utilizing a program that ensures each automotive recycling facility meets specific business, environmental, safety and licensing standards.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the annual occurrence of America Recycles Day, and in my commendation of the automotive recycling industry for all that it does to protect our environment.

HONORING TIMOTHY AARON
MASON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 18, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Timothy Aaron Mason. Timothy is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 247, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Timothy has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Timothy has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Timothy has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Timothy Aaron Mason for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.