

Police Associations, AFL-CIO; International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace & Agricultural Implement Workers of America (UAW).

Jewish Council for Public Affairs; Laborers' International Union of North America, (LIUNA); Latino Commission on AIDS; The Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law; The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights; Leadership Team, Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia; League of Conservation Voters; League of Rural Voters; League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC); League of Women Voters of the United States; Learning Disabilities Association of America; Main Street Alliance; Medicare Rights Center; Mental Health America.

NAACP; National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys; National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE); National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity; National Alliance of State & Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD); National Assembly on School-Based Health Care; National Association for Adults with Special Learning Needs; National Association for Children's Behavioral Health; National Association for College Admission Counseling; National Association for Hispanic Elderly; National Association for Music Education; National Association for the Education of Young Children; National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a); National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, Inc. (NACWC).

National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities; National Association of County Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Directors (NACBHDD); National Association of Elementary School Principals; National Association of Federally Impacted Schools; National Association of Government Employees/SEIU; National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO); National Association of Letter Carriers; National Association of Nutrition and Aging Services Programs (NANASP); National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA); National Association of Private Special Education Centers; National Association of School Psychologists; National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP); National Association of State Directors of Career Technical Education Consortium; National Association of State Directors of Special Education (NASDSE).

National Association of State Head Injury Administrators; National Association of Thrift Savings Plan Participants; National Black Child Development Institute; National Center for Family Literacy; National Center for Law and Economic Justice; National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence; National Coalition Against Domestic Violence; National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development; National Coalition for LGBT Health; National Coalition for Literacy; National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare; National Congress of American Indians; The National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care; National Council for Community and Education Partnerships (NCCEP).

National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare; National Council for the Social Studies; National Council of Jewish Women; National Council of La Raza (NCLR); National Council of Women's Organizations (NCWO); National Council on Independent Living; National Disability Rights Network; National Education Association (NEA); National Employment Law Project (NELP); National Fair Housing Alliance; National Family Caregivers Association; National Federation of Federal Employees; National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Action Fund; National Health Care for the Homeless Council.

National Hispanic Council on Aging (NHCOA); National Housing Trust; National Immigration Law Center; National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health; National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty; National Low Income Housing Coalition; National Organization for Women (NOW); National Partnership for Women & Families; National Pediatric AIDS Network; National People's Action; National Priorities Project; National Respite Coalition; National Rural Education Advocacy Coalition; National Rural Education Association (NREA).

National School Boards Association; National Skills Coalition; National Superintendents Roundtable; National Treasury Employees Union; National Urban League; National WIC Association; National Women's Conference Committee; National Women's Law Center; Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC); NETWORK, A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby; Not Dead Yet; OMB Watch; Paralyzed Veterans of America; People For the American Way (PFAW); Population Action International; Progressive States Action.

Project Inform; Public Citizen; Public Education Network; Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities Coalition (REHDC); Rebuild The Dream; RESULTS; Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law; School Social Work Association of America; Service Employees International Union (SEIU); Sexuality Information and Education Council of the U.S. (SIECUS); Share Our Strength; Sisters of Mercy Institute Justice Team; Social Security Disability Coalition; Social Security Works; Southeast Asia Resource Action Center; Stand Up for Rural America, Robert S. Warwick, Steering Committee; Stewards of Affordable Housing for the Future (SAHF); Strengthen Social Security Campaign.

Sugar Law Center for Economic and Social Justice; TESOL International Association; Transportation Communications Union; Transportation Equity Network; Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO; Treatment Access Expansion Project; Treatment Action Group (TAG); Trust for America's Health (TFAH); Union for Reform Judaism; United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada; United Cerebral Palsy; United Church of Christ Justice and Witness Ministries; United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (UE); United for a Fair Economy; The United Methodist Church—General Board of Church and Society.

United Methodist Women; United Mine Workers; United Spinal Association; United States Student Association (USSA); United Steelworkers (USW); USAction; US Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association (USPRA); VillageCare; Voices for America's Children; Voices for Progress; Wider Opportunities for Women (WOW); Women's Institute for a Secure Retirement (WISER); The Woodhull Sexual Freedom Alliance; Working America; YouthBuild USA; YWCA USA; ZERO TO THREE.

HONORING JANICE LANGBEHN, RECIPIENT OF THE 2011 PRESIDENTIAL CITIZENS MEDAL

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2011

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Janice Langbehn, a recipient of the 2011 Presidential Citizens Medal, one of our Nation's highest civilian honors.

Each year, the President recognizes American citizens with the Presidential Citizens Medal who have taken exemplary steps outside of their daily lives to serve and improve their communities. Past honorees have addressed some of our nation's most persistent problems, such as hunger, homelessness, high school dropout rates, lack of access to health care, and several other pressing issues affecting the lives of millions of Americans. Citizen Medal honorees face challenging circumstances and act admirably while taking risks to help others. Out of over 6,000 nominees across the country, President Obama chose only thirteen recipients, including Janice Langbehn of Lacey, Washington.

In 2007, while on vacation with their children, Janice's partner of 18 years, Lisa Marie Pond, collapsed with a brain aneurysm. Lisa was rushed to Jackson Memorial Hospital's Ryder Trauma Center. When Janice and her children arrived, hospital officials refused to let Janice or her children see Lisa for eight long hours even though they had a power of attorney in hand. Lisa eventually slipped into a coma and passed away while her loved ones continued to fight to be by her side.

Afterwards Janice brought a lawsuit against the hospital, which was dismissed in 2009, and then turned her experience into activism, fighting to make sure no partners or parents have to go through what their family experienced. Her story attracted the attention of President Obama, who revised hospital visitation rights for same-sex couples across the country. The executive order went into effect in January 2011 for any hospital receiving Federal Medicare or Medicaid funds.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House of Representatives please join me in recognizing Janice Langbehn for her efforts to improve equal treatment for all Americans and congratulate her for being honored with the 2011 Presidential Citizens Medal.

HONORING LEAUTHA LANORA  
"LEE" ANDERSON

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2011

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor the life of a beloved woman in the Modesto Community, Leautha Lanora "Lee" Anderson. She was born July 26, 1921, to Mary Alena (Carl) and Lloyd Buster Nutt near El Reno, Oklahoma and died November 15, 2011, in Modesto, CA. She was the second born of seven sisters.

Her parents were poor farmers and she grew up working the fields and herding cattle. Her father had hoped for a son, so he nicknamed her "Buck". Lee was one of the few remaining true Frontier Women. She could shoot a rifle from the back of a galloping horse and could light a match from a hundred paces with a rifle that is still in the family today. April 24, 1941, Lee married Alfred Anderson Jr. after a whirlwind relationship of three weeks. They began married life in Vinita, Oklahoma. On a wintry November day in 1942, they left for California with their savings of \$80.00. They settled in Carlsbad, California where their first-born son, Dwight was born May of 1943. They enjoyed the coastal town and beaches. While

there, Lee worked for actress Rita Hayward, who allowed her to bring baby Dwight along with her to the home. In 1945, Lee and Andy moved and resettled in the lovely central valley town of Modesto with its fertile farming and dairy land.

They bought an unfinished home that had no interior walls or electricity. Their house payment was \$10.00 a month. Son, Thomas was born there February 1946. A new home was purchased in the then developing outskirts in 1951. Lee took great pride in caring for her new home until her dying day. Lee and Andy were blessed with two more sons with the arrival of Michael in May of 1960, and Troy, November 1961.

She was preceded in death by her late husband, Andy, of 63 years in March 2003. They had four sons together; Dwight A. Anderson (Leslie) of Oakdale, CA., Thomas E. Anderson (Kathleen) of Sonoma, CA., Michael D. Anderson (Angela) of Modesto and Troy A. Anderson (Elizabeth) of Modesto. Lee is also survived by three remaining sisters; Gladys W. Antle, Joann Delhart, and Janice Pence, all of Ceres, CA. She was blessed with 12 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

Lee was an active "Gold Star" grandmother. She was preceded by her grandson, Cpl. Michael Anderson Jr., who was a United States Marine, a member of the Famed 3/5 Darkhorse Infantry Unit. Cpl. Anderson Jr., was tragically killed in combat action during the successful "Battle of Fallujah" in December 2004.

Leautha was a devout Christian, accepting the Lord Jesus Christ as her savior at the age of 19 and was baptized in the Holy Ghost 6 years later. She attended and was a faithful member of Calvary Temple Worship Center in Modesto where she was also a member of the church choir. She was surrounded by love and will be dearly missed by those who knew or associated with her.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Leautha Lanora "Lee" Anderson for her unwavering faith in God and love of country and family. The life of Leautha Lanora "Lee" Anderson serves as an example of excellence to those in our community, and her legacy will not be soon forgotten.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MILLS & MILLS LAW FIRM

**HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 29, 2011*

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Mills & Mills law firm of Farmington, Maine on their 100th year anniversary.

A century ago, Sumner P. Mills came to Farmington in order to marry Flora Pearson and build a business. It was on the corner of Main Street and Broadway in downtown Farmington where his law firm set up shop, and to this day it remains a fixture of the community there. Sumner Mills had the good fortune to watch his son Peter inherit his legal talents, and the two began working together in 1940, forming the original Mills & Mills office. For generations, the Mills family has lent their expertise to serve the Farmington community, the state of Maine, and their country.

Over the years, Mills & Mills has remained an integral part of the Farmington community. In its early days, the firm took on a wide range of cases that covered everything from real estate to criminal and domestic law. The law firm has evolved over the decades, but its service to the town remains strong from each generation to the next.

I have had the distinct pleasure of working with Peter, Janet and Dora Mills, the grandchildren of Sumner. They have all reached a level of accomplishment befitting of their family's proud tradition of public service. It is this devotion to community which has sustained Mills & Mills for all these years.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mills & Mills on the 100th anniversary of its founding.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 29, 2011*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following remarks regarding my absence from a vote which occurred on November 16, 2011. Listed below is how I would have voted if I had been present.

Roll Number 851—H.R. 822—Motion to Recommit, National Right to Carry Reciprocity Act of 2011—"nay."

IN HONOR OF REVEREND RICHARD WALTER JORDAN, SR.

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 29, 2011*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Reverend Richard Walter Jordan Sr. for his decades of dedicated community service and pastoral leadership to the numerous church congregations and com-

munities that he served in the great state of Georgia and throughout the United States of America.

Reverend Jordan, a pillar in the Dougherty County, Georgia community, recently passed away at the age of 90 at the Wilson Hospice House in Albany. His funeral service was recently held at the Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church on Saturday, November 26, 2011.

Reverend Jordan was born and raised in Albany, Georgia and his early spiritual rearing took place at the Saint Paul Missionary Baptist Church in Albany. During his early religious maturation and training in the Christian faith, Reverend Jordan served as an usher, choir member, and a deacon at Saint Paul Missionary Baptist Church before being called into the ministry in 1955.

Over the course of his distinguished career in the ministry, Reverend Jordan served as the Senior Pastor at over 10 churches. His riveting and inspirational messages of adhering to the word of God positively impacted the lives of those he encountered.

He was a principled man who devoted his life to Christ by not only preaching good sermons and practicing good deeds but by unrelentingly allowing God to direct his steps and use his immeasurable talents to bestow motivation and inspiration upon those who had neither but needed both.

At the end of our mortal life's journey, our measure of greatness will not exclusively be determined by the number of degrees we have earned; the level of financial wealth we have obtained; the titles that have been imparted upon us; or by the tangibly expensive goods we have acquired.

The true measures of greatness are those time-honored standards established by Jesus Christ that tell us, he who is great among you shall be your servant and he who is greatest shall be servant onto all. Reverend Jordan was great because he served and he will forever be remembered as one of Albany, Georgia's greatest because he sought to be a servant onto us all.

Mr. Speaker, my wife Vivian and I would like to extend our sincere sympathies and prayers to Reverend Jordan's beloved wife of 70 years, Martha Green Jordan, his lovely children and the congregation of Saint Paul Missionary Baptist Church.

Reverend Jordan's mortal journey on this earth has ended but his devotional faith and inspirational courage will continue to live on in the countless individuals he counselled and served.