

and his compassion. He loved discussing everything from politics to poetry (which he quoted from memory) with friends and family.

A long-time resident of the Lucas Valley area, Dr. Miller enjoyed landscaping his yard, and he was a board member and President of the Lucas Valley Homeowners' Association.

Dr. Miller is survived by his wife Fusae Ito Miller; his children and stepchildren, Trudy Vriethoff, Susan Ray, Lori Callahan, Jeffrey Miller, Grace Bransford, and Robert Fleming and their spouses; and 5 grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I always looked forward to seeing Ed Miller and will miss our lively discussions. Please join me in offering condolences to his family and friends.

TRIBUTE TO RONNY L. BEESLEY

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, on December 31, 2011, US Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston District employee, Ronny L. Beesley will retire after 40 years of service to his country. It is my pleasure to pay tribute to Mr. Beesley for all he has done for the people of Texas and the United States.

Mr. Beesley's long and distinguished career with the Federal Government began in October 1968 when he joined the US Army. Mr. Beesley served in Vietnam as part of the 1st Infantry Division, 101st Airborne Division until June 1971. After leaving the Army, Mr. Beesley earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering at Texas A&M University, in Kingsville, Texas.

Mr. Beesley started working with the Galveston District, Army Corps of Engineers in July 1975. He has held numerous positions with the Corps over the past forty years including: Civil Engineer in the Fort Point Area Office, Civil Engineer and Project Engineer in the Houston Area Office, he worked in the Construction Branch of the Construction Operations Division, General Engineer in the Plant Branch of the Construction Operations Division, and he was promoted to Chief of the Plant Branch in 1990 until he became the Chief of Management Support Branch in 1995. In July 1998, Mr. Beesley was again promoted to Senior Operations Project Manager, Project Operations Branch, and Operations Division. Mr. Beesley's outstanding work was recognized by the Galveston District in 2004 when he was selected as Employee of the Year.

In July 2010, Mr. Beesley was promoted to Chief of Project Operations Branch in the Operations Division of the Galveston District. His duties include managing and supervising Operations and Maintenance of the District's projects including Addicks/Barker Dams and Reservoirs, Brazos River Floodgates, Wallisville Lake Project and the Colorado River Locks. He is also responsible for overseeing expenses for Operations and Maintenance at the Neches Saltwater Barrier, as well as for inspection of projects built by the Government and operated by local sponsors. Mr. Beesley provides support/assistance to the Chief, Operations Division in areas of land and water resource management and is responsible for maintenance of the district's floating plant. Under Mr. Beasley's leadership, the Op-

erations Division acquired a new floating plant for the Galveston district.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Ronny Beesley provided outstanding services to his country and his town as both a soldier and an employee with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston District. It is therefore my pleasure to once again extend my congratulations and thanks to him as he prepares for retirement.

HONORING RETIRED MASTER SERGEANT NATHAN WEISER

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Retired Master Sergeant Nathan Weiser, on this the 70th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, a horror which by the grace of our Almighty God, Mr. Weiser survived.

After graduating from Albion College with a teaching degree in 1939, Nate Weiser enlisted in the newly formed United States Army Air Corps along with two of his friends in October 1940. All three men were sent to Hawaii as part of the 15th Fighter Group, 45th Fighter Squadron and were stationed at Pearl Harbor on the horrific day of December 7, 1941.

Retired Master Sergeant Weiser and his two friends were in the mess hall waiting in line for breakfast when the attack began. He recalls the planes flying low enough to be able to see the red scarves and goggles of the pilots hell-bent on destruction. After surviving the initial wave and the smaller second wave of enemy planes, it began to rain. Having lost the friends he enlisted with to the Japanese fury, Weiser and his unit headed toward a mountain fox-hole and spent some very uncomfortable nights in the flooded dugout.

In 1943, Staff Sergeant Nate Weiser was sent back to the mainland to attend special schooling. He was asked to serve as an Army officer and declined. Weiser requested to be sent back to the Army Air Corps and was assigned to Jefferson Barracks in St. Louis. From there he was detailed to the 365th Fighter Bomber Group, 386th Squadron based out of Richmond, Virginia. Nate Weiser arrived in Normandy, France on June 13, 1944, a mere seven days after the initial invasion. As 1944 gave way to 1945, Weiser served in the grueling 40 day Battle of the Bulge. Master Sergeant Nate Weiser undoubtedly saw some of the fiercest combat in the history of these great United States and was released from service in August, 1945.

Mr. Speaker, Nathan Weiser has faithfully served and dutifully protected the citizens of the United States. Our nation owes him a deep debt of gratitude. He has been retired since 1996 after 55 years as a small business owner. He is blessed to enjoy life with his beloved wife of 65 years, Norma, their daughters Karen and Kendra and two granddaughters. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and acknowledging Master Sergeant Nathan Weiser for his years of loyal service to our community and country.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. R. SANDLIN LOWE, III

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. R. Sandlin Lowe, III, MD for his outstanding contribution to Neuroscience and the treatment of brain disorders and injuries.

Originally from Coosa County, Alabama, Dr. Lowe obtained his MD from Tulane University in 1987. Currently on the Faculty of New York University School of Medicine with appointments in both the Department of Psychiatry and the Department of Physiology and Neuroscience, he is the Consulting Neuropsychiatrist to the NYU School of Medicine Brain Research Laboratories and Collaborating Psychiatrist at the NYU Langone Center for Neuromagnetism. After 18 years of service and research (for which he was honored with a Congressional Award), Dr. Lowe has become a member of various research councils and health centers.

Dr. Lowe is an expert in Translational Clinical Neuroscience and Therapeutics and has created new paradigms for the conceptualization, evaluation, and treatment of consciousness spectrum disorders associated with brain injuries. In the past few years, for personal reasons, his efforts have focused on autism spectrum disorders.

Currently, Dr. Lowe and his colleagues are exploring small molecules, biological, cellular and regenerative medicine therapeutics, and applied field energy techniques to find new treatments for autism and brain injuries.

Dr. Lowe is a co-founder of the Global Alliance for Innovation in Neuroscience, to which he brings his experience and ability to creatively approach the study and management of coma and other brain injuries. Dr. Lowe possesses a remarkable energy with an unparalleled faith and optimism that are apparent in his approach to research and his dedication to patient care.

Dr. Lowe has recently been awarded a grant of over \$3.2 million from the Marcus foundation to study the safety and efficacy of cellular and regenerative medicine therapeutics in the treatment of autism. This work will be done by the GAIN labs at New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation in collaboration with the Stem Cell Institute in Panama, along with Inverion Technologies, Ltd. and Xplora Interactive India. Preliminary data from the individuals with autism who have received these treatments shows that these new methods are both safe and promising.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Dr. R. Sandlin Lowe, III, MD for the advancements he has made in the study and treatment of autism spectrum disorders, brain injuries, and other disorders.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF NANCY COWLES

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nancy Cowles, who was

honored last week with the Consumer Product Safety Commission Chairman's Circle of Commendation Award for her tireless advocacy for children's product safety. This is the first time that this award has been presented, and I cannot think of anyone more deserving.

Nancy is the Executive Director of Kids in Danger (KID), an advocacy organization dedicated to protecting children by improving the safety of the products they play with or otherwise use. In the more than a decade that Nancy has headed KID, she has served on the front lines, educating parents and caregivers about the dangers of certain products, promoting the development of safer children's products, and advocating for important legislative and regulatory improvements. She has worked on numerous issues both as a member of panels and as an outside advocate for safety improvements in CPSC standards and recall efforts.

Nancy has played a significant role in the improvement of consumer product safety, ensuring that children and families have a voice and that product-makers are held accountable. In Washington, Nancy's work has served as an invaluable contribution to the creation of CPSC standards and the implementation of recalls, no doubt saving many lives in the process. She has served as an invaluable resource for me and many of my colleagues who are committed to protecting the health and well-being of children.

The Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA) became law in 2008, and it is the most significant reform of the CPSC and its responsibilities in decades. With Nancy's input, I authored several provisions to the bill, including mandatory standards and testing for infant and toddler products such as cribs and high chairs and a provision requiring that postage-paid recall registration cards must be attached to products. I am proud of those provisions, and the overall bill, which would not have been as strong or protective without Nancy's guidance.

I would like to thank the CPSC, and Chairman Inez Tenenbaum, for recognizing the contributions of Nancy Cowles toward making products safer for children and families. As the Chairman said, Nancy's "contributions to product safety are invaluable."

As a mother and grandmother deeply concerned about preventing injuries to children, I could not be more grateful for Nancy's efforts and I am proud to call her a friend.

CONGRATULATING WILLIAM (BILL)
H. OSBORNE ON 50 YEARS OF
OUTSTANDING FEDERAL SERVICE
WITH THE U.S. ARMY CORPS
OF ENGINEERS

HON. THOMAS J. ROONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

Mr. ROONEY. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to congratulate Mr. William (Bill) Osborne of Atlanta, Georgia for 50 years of dedicated Federal service to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He has also served as the Commandant of the 3388th USARF School in

Tampa, Florida with prior assignments in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics at the 81st U.S. Army Reserve Command in Atlanta, Georgia. He retired from the Army Reserve in April 1993 at the rank of Colonel. I hope Members will join with me today to thank Mr. Osborne for his contributions to the Corps of Engineers, his local community and the United States of America.

Mr. Osborne began his career with the Corps of Engineers in 1957 as a summer hire in the Operation Division in the Nashville District. After graduating from the University of Tennessee with a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering he joined the Jacksonville District as a Civil Engineer. In 1970, he transferred to the South Atlantic Division and took a position as the Assistant Chief of the Program Management Office. Since 1988 he has been the Chief of the Civil Works Integration Division. In this position he puts together the South Atlantic Division's portion of the President's Civil Works Budget for Congressional consideration.

Some of the major projects for which he has provided Congress justification documentation include the Tennessee Tombigbee Waterway, Herbert Hoover Dike, Portugues and Bucana Rivers, and two of the largest environmental projects in the country; South Florida Ecosystem Restoration and the Comprehensive Restoration of the Mississippi Barrier Islands projects. Over his stellar career he has justified billions of Federal dollars in support of these and countless other much needed projects. For over two decades he has provided exceptional support to Division Commanders, Chiefs of Engineers and the Assistant Secretaries of the Army in their annual testimony before Congress. Through his expert knowledge of the Civil Works process Mr. Osborne consistently provided outstanding service in the relationship with the public, Congressional Members and their staffs, involving controversial and complex issues.

Mr. Osborne has received numerous awards in recognition of his outstanding efforts to include Superior Civilian Service Awards, the Meritorious Civilian Service Award and he has been nominated for the prestigious Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service from the Secretary of the Army.

Bill Osborne is a tremendous assist not only to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, but also to Members of Congressional Delegations throughout the Southeast and his country. I want to sincerely wish Bill and his wife, Fran, every success in the future.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, on January 26, 1995, when the last attempt at a balanced budget amendment passed the House by a bipartisan vote of 300-132, the national debt was \$4,801,405,175,294.28.

Today, it is \$15,071,624,794,970.66. We've added \$10,270,219,619,676.38 dollars to our

debt in 16 years. This is \$10 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

A TRIBUTE TO DEBRA DAVIS-
SMITH

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Debra Davis-Smith for her service to the health and well being of those living in the 10th Congressional District of New York.

Ms. Davis-Smith was born to the late Joyce and Robert Davis, and raised in an extended family that included her maternal grandparents and aunts in Brooklyn, New York. Being the eldest of three, Ms. Davis-Smith always had the instinct to care for and look after others.

Ms. Davis-Smith was educated in both the public and parochial school systems. It was during this time that she recognized her interest in helping others outside of her family by volunteering her services after school as the Candy Striper at Kings County Hospital. On weekends and during the summer months, she volunteered with the Department of Aging which allowed her to work with elders in various senior citizen centers and also work with her local precinct in mentoring teenagers.

After high school, Ms. Davis-Smith attended The City College of New York where she majored in Sociology. During her studies, she continued to volunteer and intern with several non-profit groups. Her focus was always on educating and empowering others whether they be youth or senior citizens.

Following her undergraduate studies, she attended Fordham University and received her Master's in Social Work. While at Fordham her studies focused on individuals and families which eventually led her towards the field of mental health. The National Institute of Mental Health provided support to Ms. Davis-Smith which would also determine her future employment.

Upon graduating Fordham, Ms. Davis-Smith was employed by The Catholic Guardian Society where she worked with children in foster care and adoption service. She remained there for a year until she began working as a social worker at Woodhull Medical and Mental Health Center in their Inpatient Psychiatric Unit. Ms. Davis-Smith would spend the next 25 years with the health center, working alongside dedicated professionals who shared her passion in working with the mentally ill. Within this time she held several positions within the discipline of social work, and is currently in the position of acting Director of Social Work Services.

Ms. Davis-Smith is married to Clifford Smith and has two daughters, Brittany and Morgan. With her family's continued love and support she is able to continue her community service.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the community achievements of Ms. Debra Davis-Smith.