

Jack Wingate achieved numerous successes in his life, but none of this would have been possible without the grace of God and his loving wife of 59 years, Joyce E. Wingate. Jack was also the proud father of three daughters—Katherine W. Kent and her husband, Lamar, of Chattahoochee, Florida; Peggy W. MacDonald and her husband, Wayne, of Macon, Georgia; and Jacquie Wingate of Recovery, Georgia. Jack is also survived by two beloved grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to Mr. Jack Wingate for being an outstanding ambassador and unyielding supporter of communities throughout Southwest Georgia and for all the outstanding work he did on behalf of working families throughout our United States of America.

THE AFFIRMATION OF APOSTLE
DR. JOHN H. BOYD, SR.

HON. GREGORY W. MEEKS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2011

Mr. MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I ask that the House of Representatives recognize the Affirmation of Dr. John Haywood Boyd, Sr. as an Apostle of the New Greater Bethel Ministries, located in Cambria Heights and Queens Village with the Sixth Congressional District of New York. Dr. Boyd is a well-known and much-admired figure in clerical and civic circles in southeast Queens. He began his ministry in 1972 in a small canvas tent at the intersection of Francis Lewis and Linden Boulevards in Cambria Heights.

From that site New Greater Bethel Ministries grew in number, influence, and impact, having established a food pantry and soup kitchen which fed hundreds of homeless individuals and families. Under Pastor Boyd's guidance, New Greater Bethel Ministries established a prison ministry to tend to the spiritual needs of incarcerated men and women. Pastor Boyd himself did outstanding work with the Inmate Community Improvement Program for which he received a certificate of recognition from the superintendent of the Queensboro Correctional Facility.

In 1993, the New Greater Bethel Ministries expanded with the addition of a location on Jamaica Avenue in Queens Village. Where rundown structures once stood, Dr. Boyd built a 1500 seat worship and community service facility, complete with a Christian Literature and Media Center, a digital recording studio, a television studio, and a drama center. Later, Dr. Boyd opened the K-12 Bethel Christian Learning Academy and the New Greater Bethel Bible Institute.

Despite episodes of illness and having now reached 85 years of age, Dr. Boyd still provides dynamic leadership to New Greater Bethel Ministries, ensuring that the church to which he had devoted his life continues to minister to the spiritual and material needs of several thousand members of its congregation as well as thousands of residents in the surrounding communities. Dr. Boyd studied at the Manhattan Bible Institute and earned his doctor of divinity from the United Christian College of New York. Over the course of his ministry he has received numerous award commenda-

tions from federal, state, and municipal elected officials, clergy, religious organizations, and community groups. He has been named "Man of the Year" by The New York Christian Times.

Dr. Boyd has been married to his wife, Mother Margie Boyd, for over 60 years. He has six children and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

On December 10, 2011, over 1,000 congregants, community residents, and guests attended the ceremony at which Dr. John Haywood Boyd, Sr. was affirmed as an Apostle of the New Greater Bethel Ministries.

RECOGNIZING TERESA WOODRUFF,
PH.D., AND THE WOMEN'S
HEALTH SCIENCE PROGRAM FOR
HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS AT NORTH-
WESTERN UNIVERSITY

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2011

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Teresa Woodruff and the Women's Health Science Program for High School Girls, developed by the Institute for Women's Health Research at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, on their receipt of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring.

The Women's Health Science Program for High School Girls targets primarily African American and Latina girls from disadvantaged backgrounds in Chicago. The young women have the opportunity to study at four different Northwestern academies: cardiology, physical science, infectious disease, and oncology.

There is a tremendous opportunity for women to make a difference in improving America's innovative capacity and global competitiveness. A study from last year from the American Association of University Women (AAUW) entitled, "Why So Few?" underscores the point that attracting and retaining more women in the STEM workforce will maximize innovation, creativity, and competitiveness.

The AAUW study suggests that there are a number of ways to cultivate young women's interest and persistence in science and engineering, including mentoring. As Dr. Woodruff and the Women's Health Science Program prove, mentoring plays a crucial role in the academic and personal development of students—especially for young women and underrepresented minorities—who choose to study science and engineering. Of the 90 students who participated in the Women's Health Science Program, 18 are seniors in high school, 70 attend college, and 2 have received undergraduate degrees. Of those attending college, 51 percent are pursuing science majors.

We stand on the precipice of major discoveries and advancements. We need more women and minorities in STEM-related fields to ensure that our workforce and the solutions they develop to solve the problems of today—and tomorrow—are designed better and designed with everyone in mind.

There is a place for initiatives that motivate students to pursue STEM throughout their educational careers. With targeted action—like

that of Dr. Woodruff and the Women's Health Science Program—we can remain global leaders in this vital field.

Again, I want to congratulate Dr. Woodruff for this well-deserved award in recognition of her outstanding work to provide opportunities for girls and women to improve our community and world.

CBC SPECIAL ORDER

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2011

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to include extraneous materials and statements into the RECORD.

First let me thank Chairman CLEAVER for organizing this timely special order and for his leadership on these issues that are so critical for millions of Americans who are looking for work and living on the edge.

Mr. Speaker, I rise with my Congressional Black Caucus colleagues to call for an immediate extension of emergency unemployment benefits and to extend the vital payroll tax holiday for millions of Americans.

We must not fail to do the work of the American people and we must not fail to extend these critical benefits before they run out.

Republican politicians continue to play games with the American people and threaten the recovery of our entire economy just to score political points with their extreme Tea Party base.

If you believed, even for a moment, that Republican politicians truly cared about the plight of the millions of Americans who are struggling to find a job and did not care just about protecting their special interests and getting more tax breaks for the super rich, then this bill should end all doubt.

H.R. 3630 reveals their true colors.

This latest bill, the so called Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2011, is another slap in the face to the millions of Americans who are struggling to find a job and are living in poverty or on the edge of falling into poverty.

Republicans are holding hostage critical unemployment benefits and threatening every working American with a tax hike so that they can advance the special interest agenda.

I call on Republicans to quickly bring a clean bill to the floor that extends emergency unemployment for the millions of jobseekers who continue to struggle to find a job in the middle of the economic disaster that the careless deregulation of the banks created.

Let's have an up or down vote on a clean bill that extends the temporary reduction of the payroll tax for millions of Americans that has been critical in boosting demand and lifting our economy.

Let's have an up or down vote on a clean bill that isn't bogged down with riders and special interest spending.

Let's have an up or down vote on a clean bill that keeps millions of families and 1 million children out of poverty.

Failing to extend these critical benefits would cripple our recovery and cost the economy over half a million jobs.

If you speak to nearly any business person, they will tell you that they are not hiring and

not expanding, not because of “uncertainty about the tax code” or “burdensome regulation,” but because they are certain that they don’t have customers.

Failing to extend these critical benefits and cutting off unemployment benefits during the holidays would strip 2 million customers out of the economy by March and over 6 million customers out of the economy by the end of the year.

We could not make a worse decision than to cripple our recovery by failing to protect millions of families and children from poverty, because that is just what unemployment benefits does, it keeps 1 million children from falling into poverty.

Mr. Speaker, our economy is on the way to recovery, but much more must be done.

We may have seen a small drop in the national unemployment last month, but during that same month that saw a .4 percent drop in unemployment nationally, we saw a .4 percent rise in unemployment for African Americans.

There can be no clearer reminder of the ongoing racial and ethnic disparities that continue to plague our Nation and keep minority communities suffering disproportionately higher rates of unemployment, poverty, and tragic health disparities like the unconscionably higher rates of HIV infection.

100 million people—1 in 3 Americans—live in poverty or the zone just above poverty. The budget shortfalls caused by the Bush tax cuts for the wealthy and his two unfunded wars are causing massive lay-offs in States, counties

and cities across the country and those lay-offs are again striking minority communities at disproportionate rates.

Not only must we immediately extend the emergency unemployment benefits, but we should also immediately pass legislation that I, along with my colleague Congressman BOBBY SCOTT introduced, H.R. 589. Our legislation would add an additional 14 weeks of tier I unemployment benefits for the millions of Americans who have already completely exhausted their benefits.

Mr. SCOTT and I have introduced an amendment which would replace the draconian cuts to unemployment benefits contained in the Republican bill with a clean extension of the existing Emergency Unemployment Compensation and H.R. 589 which would give some help to the 99ers who have completely run out of unemployment benefits.

We cannot ignore the needs of the millions of Americans who have run out of time and are now losing their homes, falling out of the middle class, and relying more and more on other forms of government assistance.

We should be taking strong action to implement targeted programs and policies that ensure that we are a Nation that truly does provide equal opportunity and equal access to the American Dream.

This is nothing short of a national emergency and more must be done immediately to put in place programs that directly address the on-going crisis of poverty and unemployment in America by creating millions of new jobs now.

ONLINE CONSENT FOR SHARING VIDEO SERVICE USE

SPEECH OF

HON. HANSEN CLARKE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 6, 2011

Mr. CLARKE of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, today the House of Representatives is considering H.R. 2471. H.R. 2471 would amend the Video Privacy Protection Act (VPPA), a 1988 law that prohibits video rental stores from disclosing a consumer’s rental history. Currently, the only way such information can be shared is with the consumer’s written consent each time the video tape service provider wants to share their information. H.R. 2471 would allow video tape service providers to obtain a consumer’s consent on an ongoing basis and that consent may be obtained through the Internet. In recent years, the Internet has changed how we share movies and other media. This is why I originally supported the bill. Ultimately, I am voting against H.R. 2471 because the bill could undermine the key provision of the VPPA which is the consumer’s right to give meaningful consent to disclose their personal information. H.R. 2471 transfers control from the consumer to the company in possession of the data and diminishes consumer’s control over their personal information.