

served in the U.S. Air Force from 1954 to 1974 in both Thailand and Vietnam; Franklin, who served in both U.S. Air Force and Army from 1956 to 1976; Vernon, who joined the Army and served from 1958 to 1979; Linden, who served in the Army from 1965 to 1967; and Clifton, who served in the Army from 1959 to 1981.

Selfless service and sacrifice are the twin pillars supporting our Republic. Surely, these values, so important to the future vigor of our democratic principles, were instilled in the Adkins Brothers by devoted and dedicated parents. Such a record of service is not happenstance or coincidence; rather, it is a record built with an abiding faith in the Almighty's continued blessings on this land of liberty.

Mr. Speaker, in sum, the Adkins brothers share 104 years of U.S. military service, a milestone record of service, that I hope the U.S. Department of Defense will soon formally recognize. I ask my colleagues to join me in acknowledging my fellow West Virginians as true American patriots and to thank them for their distinguished service to our great Nation.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 15, 2011*

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall 932, I was away from the Capitol due to prior commitments to my constituents. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

#### CELEBRATING THE 84TH BIRTHDAY OF HIS MAJESTY KING BHUMIBOL ADULYADEJ

#### HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 15, 2011*

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, December 5 marked the 84th birthday of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand. I would like to take this opportunity to send warm wishes to him and to the people of Thailand as they commemorate his 65-year reign as King of Thailand.

The world's longest-serving monarch, His Majesty King Bhumibol ascended to the throne on June 9, 1946. Throughout his reign, King Bhumibol has both witnessed and been instrumental in the transformation of Thailand into a prosperous, modern state, with a strong agricultural sector and modernized manufacturing and services industries. His contribution to such progress and the devotion and compassion he has for the Thai people has earned King Bhumibol the love and respect of his people as well as worldwide recognition for his leadership.

As a leading advocate for sustainable, human-centered development, King Bhumibol has worked hard to address the critical development issues facing his country and his people, applying scientific knowledge and initiating development projects that take into account the topography, traditions and culture of a region. Focusing on agricultural development, King Bhumibol has overseen thousands of de-

velopment projects undertaken to improve the food security and welfare of the Thai people. His concern about the sustainability of Thailand's natural resources has spurred several water resource and reforestation projects throughout the country.

I would also like to celebrate the 178-year diplomatic alliance and friendship between Thailand and the United States—one that reflects both common interests and shared values, namely: democracy, good governance, and the rule of law. Indeed, on March 20, 1833, the United States and Thailand (then known as Siam) signed the Treaty of Amity and Commerce, making the Kingdom of Thailand the first treaty ally of the United States in the Asia-Pacific region. His Majesty King Bhumibol's state visit to the United States in 1960 further cemented the excellent relations between our two nations.

Lastly, I would like to express my deepest sympathies to the people of Thailand for the recent historic floods in Thailand, and reiterate my support for both ongoing and additional humanitarian efforts aimed at providing civilian and military assistance to save lives, restore health, and facilitate Thailand's economic recovery. The United States remains committed to supporting Thailand's long-term recovery. The United States government has contributed significant humanitarian assistance, United States citizens and private sector have donated to reconstruction efforts, and the United States will continue working to help improve Thailand's capacity to prepare and respond to such disasters in the future.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join our long-standing friends, the people of Thailand, as they celebrate the 84th birthday anniversary of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej and his esteemed 65-year reign of and dedication to Thailand.

#### TRIBUTE TO JOHN FRANKLIN THAMES

#### HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 15, 2011*

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to pay tribute to a constituent who has dedicated his professional career to coaching high school basketball and—over the past half century—has developed generations of successful young women while breaking and setting winning records for women's basketball in South Carolina. I commend Coach John Franklin Thames for his 50 years of coaching women's basketball in the Palmetto State. It is very fitting that a scholarship for gifted athletes will be established in his honor at his alma mater, Manning High School.

John Thames grew up in Alcolu, SC and graduated from Manning High School in 1953. At that time, America was at war with Korea. He spent six months as Executive Officer of Training Company at Fort Jackson, and served 13 months in Korea as an Army Tank Platoon Commander. Following his military service, he matriculated at Presbyterian College in Clinton, South Carolina, graduated in 1958, and returned home to serve his alma mater for the next half century.

Over his 44-year career as the Lady Monarchs head coach, Coach Thames' teams

amassed two State Championships, three State runner-ups, 15 Regional Championships, and seven Regional Tournament Championships. He was named Region Coach of the Year 14 times and the Sumter Item Area Coach of the year three times. In 1969, he was selected as the Pee Dee North-South All-Star South head coach. He served as head coach in the South Carolina Athletic Coaches Association North-South Girls All-Star Game in 1984 and 2000. He was also one of two South Carolina coaches chosen to coach the South Carolina All-Star Girls against the North Carolina All-Star Girls at Winthrop University.

Coach Thames was nominated in 1991–92 as the Converse High School Coach of the Year and the National High School Athletic Coaches Association Coach of the Year in women's basketball. That same year, he was named Florence Morning News Class AAA Girls Coach of the Year. He has been a South Carolina Coaches Association of Women Sports MVP Honoree, and a 2000 High School Sports Report State Coach of the Year in AAA Girls Basketball. He was a 2009 Inaugural Inductee into the South Carolina Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame, and a 2011 Inaugural Inductee into the Clarendon County Athletic Hall of Fame.

Coach Thames has also had great success in other sports. He served as the Manning High School baseball coach for 14 years and as an assistant football coach for 36 years.

In 1993, his high school alma mater—and 50-year employer—named its gymnasium in his honor for "his lifetime of contributions to Manning High School." Presbyterian College also honored their esteemed graduate by recognizing Coach Thames as the 2011 recipient of the Bob Waters Award. This honor was given for his outstanding leadership and service to society and the profession of athletic coaching and for personifying those values and qualities of excellence and integrity held dear by his college alma mater.

Despite all the accolades he has accrued over his career, Coach Thames will be remembered most for his generosity and love of his players and all students. Since 2004, Coach Thames has conducted a free one-week basketball camp for girls. He is committed to ensuring that the inability to pay is not an obstacle for any girl to participate in the sport. For years, Coach Thames has used his personal funds to buy shoes for all of his players. He has done so because he doesn't want to single out the ones who cannot afford new shoes. He provides transportation and other clothing for many of his students who have limited resources. Coach Thames is also dedicated to helping students get into higher education institutions so they can pursue their dreams. "Coach," as he's lovingly known to everyone including non-athletes, is a mentor and father figure.

In addition to his coaching accolades, Coach Thames has twice been named the Manning High School Teacher of the Year. He received the 2008 Outstanding South Carolina Teacher of U.S. History by the Daughters of the American Revolution. He was inducted into the Kappa Alpha Order Court of Honor in 2009. Coach Thames is a recipient of the Silver Crescent, the highest civilian recognition awarded by the State of South Carolina for outstanding dedication to a local community, and has been inducted into the Clarendon County Education Hall of Fame. Coach

Thames is currently a member of the South Carolina Athletic Coaches Association, the South Carolina Women's Basketball Coaches Association, the Coaches of Women's Sports and the National Basketball Coaches Association.

He is a longtime member of First Baptist Church in Manning, where he serves as a Junior Department Sunday School Teacher.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in congratulating Coach John Franklin Thames for his remarkable career at Manning High School. He has set a tremendous example both on and off the court. It is my honor to pay tribute to such a distinguished Southern gentleman who, I believe, has earned the gratitude of his community, his state and his nation.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF DUNEDIN HIGH SCHOOL

**HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 15, 2011*

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 50th anniversary of Dunedin High School, which first opened its doors in 1961. That year, 767 students and 44 teachers walked the halls for the first time. Half a century later the school serves more than twice that number of students, working to prepare them for their future while creating an environment that encourages students to explore their potential.

From the beginning, the school embraced the rich Scottish traditions that have characterized the city of Dunedin since its founding in 1870. The school selected a Falcon as the mascot, harkening back to the sport of falconry, a favorite Scottish pastime consisting of training and hunting with falcons. However, the Dunedin Highlander Marching Band is perhaps the most unique aspect of the school. This band not only wears the Dress Stewart Tartan plaid as their uniform, they are one of the few high school bands in the country that features bagpipes.

Since its establishment, Dunedin High School has sought to foster academic achievement, community pride and school spirit. Over the years, the students at the school have won numerous awards and state championships for academic, athletic and extracurricular activities. The students are not the school's only source of pride, as the dedicated teachers and administrative staff also have an award winning tradition, receiving many state and national awards for the high-quality education they provide.

Students who have graduated from Dunedin have gone on to achieve great success, with many staying in the area to raise their children and enrich the local community. This community support extends to the high school, with volunteers putting in over 28,000 hours at Dunedin High School last year alone. Notable alumni include local politicians, famous musicians, professional athletes, and Hollywood actors and directors.

I am honored to represent the students, teachers, and faculty who currently attend Dunedin High School as well as many of those that have enriched this public school for the last 50 years. I ask my colleagues to join

with me today in recognizing this important milestone and to wish the school continued success in the future.

#### REMEMBERING BROOKE TUTTLE

**HON. MIKE PENCE**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 15, 2011*

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise with a heavy heart to remember the exceptional legacy of service of Brooke Tuttle from my hometown of Columbus, Indiana.

Mr. Tuttle was born in Hicksville, Ohio, and received a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Management from Ohio State University in 1957. The next year he married his wife Barbara, who would become his bride of 52 years. After serving as a Captain in the U.S. Army from 1957–1959, Brooke Tuttle joined Cummins, Inc., headquartered in Columbus, Indiana, and he later earned a Masters in Business Administration from Indiana University in 1964.

During his 29-year career with Cummins, Mr. Tuttle had various responsibilities including: General Manager of the Fleetguard filtration business; leading the \$700 million worldwide parts and services distribution business; opening distribution centers in Asia, Europe, and Central and South America; and serving as Executive Director of Public Policy.

Brooke Tuttle was deeply invested in his local community and was responsible for outstanding growth and prosperity. He served as President of the Columbus Economic Development Board in 1985, and after he retired from Cummins three years later, Mr. Tuttle continued as President of Economic Development. During his 22 years as president, he spearheaded the expansion of 260 existing companies and helped attract 52 new manufacturing and technology companies. As a result of his hard work and dedication to the Columbus community, Columbus gained 10,000 new manufacturing jobs and \$2.2 billion of new investment. Mr. Tuttle retired from the Columbus Economic Development Board in 2007.

After his retirement, Brooke Tuttle served as President of LHP Technologies and continued teaching Economics at Ivy Tech and Indiana University/Purdue University Columbus (IUPUC) as an adjunct professor for twenty years. IUPUC awarded him the "Excellence in Teaching" award in both 1990 and 2010. His accolades also included the Columbus Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award and the distinguished Sagamore of the Wabash Award.

Despite his demanding and successful career, Brooke Tuttle never forgot to give back. He served as president of Rotary Club International, the Columbus Foundation for Youth, and the Columbus Girls Club. He also served as a Moderator for Leadership Bartholomew County, a Big Brother, and as a basketball coach for the Boy's Club. He was also a deacon at the First Presbyterian Church and served on the IUPUC Board of Advisors, as well as the Visitor's Center Board.

My deepest and most heartfelt condolences go out to his beloved wife Barbara, daughter Katherine, son Jeffery, and his nephew Philip. In the midst of this difficult time be encouraged that the innumerable contributions of Brooke Tuttle will not soon be forgotten.

#### MIDDLE CLASS TAX RELIEF AND JOB CREATION ACT OF 2011

SPEECH OF

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 13, 2011*

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, the House Republican Majority has done nothing to create jobs during the first session of the 112th Congress and now they're adding further injustice by hurting the millions of Americans who have lost their jobs through no fault of their own. The Republican unemployment insurance proposal would cut in half the total number of weeks of benefits provided, harm those States with the highest rates of prolonged unemployment, and allow unemployment funds to be used for other purposes.

If Congress does not act on an extension of unemployment benefits, more than one million Americans could lose their unemployment benefits next year. This is compounded by the Economic Policy Institute's findings that the drop in consumer demand resulting from expired unemployment benefits would cost the U.S. economy more than half a million jobs. This is unacceptable. According to the Congressional Budget Office providing federal unemployment benefits is one of the most effective ways to help boost the economy—in fact, for every dollar of benefits, nearly \$2 in economic growth goes into the surrounding community. We should be working to support American families instead of causing more damage.

This bill should be about extending tax incentives and not pushing through the Majority's anti-environment agenda. This legislation includes a provision that bypasses the Keystone XL pipeline environmental review process by requiring the President to make a decision whether to approve the project within 60 days, even though a final route has not yet been proposed. It is responsible and critical that the Administration complete a proper assessment of the health risks and potential toxic contamination to the surrounding communities posed by the pipeline. Any effort to rush this process and compel a decision before a thorough review should not stand.

The Majority also is attempting to block air quality standards that have been thoroughly reviewed. The EPA is more than a decade late on issuing emissions standards requiring incinerators and boilers to reduce toxic air pollutants. While this would impact less than 1 percent of all boilers in the U.S., the Republican Majority is again attempting to nullify and delay the discharge limits. The pollutants from these emissions are linked to asthma, cancer, and heart disease, with the EPA estimating that the pollution reductions required by the rules would prevent up to 8,100 premature deaths, 52,000 asthma attacks, and 5,100 heart attacks each year and yield \$12 to \$30 in health benefits for every dollar spent to meet the standards. Such controversial provisions as the pipeline and the emissions standards have no place in tax legislation.

The issue of spectrum allocation should not be pushed through at the end of this session. While H.R. 3630 grants the Federal Communications Commission the authority to conduct incentive auctions, it does not ensure proper oversight of the process. This is especially