

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR PATRICIA GRIFFIN CARDWELL, NCANG, RET.

### HON. G. K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 16, 2011*

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Command Sergeant Major Patricia Griffin Cardwell. CSM Cardwell passed away last week on December 7. She was a veteran of the North Carolina Army National Guard (NCANG) and is survived by her mother, two brothers, and her niece and nephew.

CSM Cardwell was the daughter of Betty Nowarah Griffin and the late Reginald Griffin. She was a native of Martin County, a graduate of Williamston High School, and a member of the First Christian Church.

CSM Cardwell began her distinguished 28-year career with the NCANG on December 5, 1979, as a Specialist, and became a full-time member of the Guard in 1984. From 2001–2002, she attended the United States Army Sergeants Major Course at the USA Sergeants Major Academy in Fort Bliss, Texas. CSM Cardwell made history on April 1, 2004, when she was promoted to the rank of Sergeant Major, becoming the first woman to rise to this rank in the NCANG. She was later laterally appointed as a Command Sergeant Major of the 217th Human Resources Battalion Headquarters, and served in a dual status in both this post and as the Chief, Personnel Services of the Human Resources Section at Joint Forces Headquarters in Raleigh until her retirement on December 31, 2007.

CSM Cardwell served our country for three decades with tremendous character and devotion. She deserves the highest appreciation and commendation. I pray that her family is able to find peace in this difficult time. I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring her today.

220TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RATIFICATION OF THE FIRST 10 AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION, THE BILL OF RIGHTS

### HON. CORY GARDNER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 16, 2011*

Mr. GARDNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the 220th anniversary of the ratification of the first 10 amendments to the Constitution, the Bill of Rights. The Bill of Rights serves to check the power of government and preserve the freedom of Americans. Our founding fathers realized that even well intentioned governments answerable to the will of the voters can grow to be tyrannical. They recognized that protections were needed to guard against government interference and so they enshrined those protections in the highest law of the land. The Bill of Rights is unique in that it is a document that outlines government power not by what the government can do but by what it CAN'T do. The spirit of our nation is in that distinction. We are a nation built on the

idea that private individuals could create private industry with private interests and build a great society without an all knowing bureaucracy telling them how to do it. Times have changed since 1791. Our nation has grown, our government has grown, and today we inhabit a different world. There is no way that Madison and Jefferson and the rest of the founders who fought for a Bill of Rights could have envisioned the country we have become. Over the years we have fought many battles over the interpretation of these amendments and these principles have stood the test of time. The Bill of Rights is a fundamental feature of our country and a beacon to the rest of the world that freedom works, it is to be celebrated, and not repressed.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. HAROLD L. WILLIAMS

### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 16, 2011*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. Harold L. Williams as he retires after 35 years of service at the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland.

Legal Aid Society of Cleveland is a law firm for low-income individuals and provides services in the areas of consumer rights, domestic violence, education, employment, family law, health, housing, foreclosure, immigration, public benefits, utilities and tax. It was founded as a nonprofit in 1905 and until 1966 operated primarily with volunteers. In 1966, staff attorneys were hired and today there are 53 attorneys, 40 staff members and more than 1800 volunteers that serve Cleveland's low-income individuals. Legal Aid's mission is to secure justice and resolve fundamental problems for those who are low income and otherwise vulnerable by providing high quality legal services and working for systemic solutions.

Mr. Williams began working at Legal Aid Society of Cleveland in 1975 in the Law Reform Unit. Since 2003, he has served as the managing attorney of Legal Aid's Consumer Law Unit. Mr. Williams also supervises Legal Aid's law participation in Ohio's Save the Dream foreclosure prevention program. He is the editor and principal author of Ohio Consumer Law.

Because of his dedication to serving the people of Cleveland and his vast expertise in consumer law, Mr. Williams was the recipient of the William J. Brown Consumer Protection Award from the Ohio Attorney General in March 2010.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in congratulating Mr. Harold L. Williams as he retires after 35 years of dedicated service to the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland.

END OF THE WAR IN IRAQ

### HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 16, 2011*

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, this week America solemnly observes the end of an era. After almost nine years of war in Iraq, our

troops are finally coming home, and Iraqis will assume the full responsibilities of self-government. The Obama Administration's leadership and the skill and bravery of our military men and women have made this moment possible. But as we welcome those troops returning home to their families, we must also remember the tens of thousands who came home with wounds both seen and unseen, the more than 1.5 million Americans who served in Iraq, and most of all the nearly 4,500 brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in pursuit of this day. America's military families have born a heavy burden, and we must continue our commitment to support our troops, veterans, survivors, and families.

Iraq will face significant challenges in the days ahead. But America has an interest in Iraqi security and stability, as with all of our friends and allies in the Middle East. So when Iraq encounters those challenges, it will do so as a sovereign nation, with America as its partner.

HONORING MR. MIKE BUNCH, DEPUTY COMMANDER OF THE JOINT MANUFACTURING AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER AT ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL

### HON. DAVID LOESACK

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 16, 2011*

Mr. LOESACK. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to recognize the long, successful, and highly dedicated career of Mr. Mike Bunch, the Deputy Commander of the Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center, which is located at the Rock Island Arsenal. Mr. Bunch has served our country as an employee of the United States Army for over 34 years. A native of Moline, Illinois and a proud graduate of Upper Iowa University, Mike followed his great-grandfather, grandfather, grandmother, mother, and father to work on the Rock Island Arsenal. His first job on the Island was as a second shift keypunch operator earning \$3 an hour. Since then, he has worked on Rock Island Arsenal for all but three years of his adult life, even meeting his wife of 34 years, Julie, on the Island.

During that time, Mike served with the Army Material Command, Information Systems Command, and the Army Corps of Engineers. He has dedicated his career to ensuring that our Soldiers have the equipment they need to safely carry out their missions. I have not met a person more dedicated to our Soldiers, the United States Army, or Rock Island Arsenal than Mike. His expertise has served the Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center and our nation exceedingly well, and I have often relied on his years of knowledge and expertise in my work for the Rock Island Arsenal and our Soldiers.

Mike is very humble and most likely would not admit this himself, but, while his retirement is well-deserved, it is also a significant loss to the Rock Island Arsenal. His commitment to the Arsenal and the work of the Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center to equip our troops is unparalleled. Whether it was during his time as a tool grinder at the Arsenal or his four years as Deputy Commander, his commitment to producing nothing but top quality

equipment and carrying on the proud tradition of the Rock Island Arsenal has been demonstrated in every position he has held. Under his leadership, production rates at the Arsenal have gone up, prices have been reduced, and the Arsenal was able to meet the needs of our troops more quickly. Fortunately, Mike's retirement is not the end of the family legacy on the Island his—son Ryan began as a pipe fitter at the Arsenal and currently works at Army Contracting Command-Rock Island.

On behalf of all of my constituents, I would like to thank Mike for his years of service to Rock Island Arsenal, the United States Army, and our nation. I know I join his colleagues, friends, and loved ones in wishing him well in his retirement.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 16, 2011*

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, due to a family medical issue, I was unable to cast the following votes. If I had been present, I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall vote 913—I would have voted "yes"  
 Rollcall vote 914—I would have voted "yes"  
 Rollcall vote 915—I would have voted "yes"  
 Rollcall vote 916—I would have voted "no"  
 Rollcall vote 925—I would have voted "yes"  
 Rollcall vote 926—I would have voted "yes"  
 Rollcall vote 927—I would have voted "yes"  
 Rollcall vote 928—I would have voted "yes"  
 Rollcall vote 929—I would have voted "yes"  
 Rollcall vote 930—I would have voted "yes"  
 Rollcall vote 931—I would have voted "no"  
 Rollcall vote 932—I would have voted "yes"  
 Rollcall vote 933—I would have voted "yes"  
 Rollcall vote 934—I would have voted "yes"  
 Rollcall vote 935—I would have voted "yes"  
 Rollcall vote 937—I would have voted "yes"  
 Rollcall vote 938—I would have voted "yes"  
 Rollcall vote 939—I would have voted "yes"  
 Rollcall vote 940—I would have voted "yes"

#### COMMENDING TIME WARNER CABLE

### HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 16, 2011*

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Time Warner Cable for its dedication to keeping citizens informed about what is going on in Washington. The better informed our citizens are, the better it is for our democracy. As our founding father Thomas Jefferson wrote in 1789, "Whenever the people are well-informed, they can be trusted with their own government."

At a time when news coverage budgets are being cut, I applaud Time Warner cable for expanding their presence in Washington, DC with the opening of a new bureau.

I have always been a champion for transparency in government. News coverage is one of the ways that sunlight is shined into government operation. This increased presence will lead to a more informed citizenry, and I congratulate Time Warner Cable for making this investment in democracy.

#### HONORING BILL BUCHANAN OF KSHN IN LIBRARY

### HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 16, 2011*

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to share with all of you an American success story built on hard work and an overflowing community spirit.

Bill Buchanan is one of the newest members of the Texas Radio Hall of Fame. He got there the old fashioned way—he went to work everyday to keep his community both informed and entertained and his peers honored him for it.

Let me tell you a bit about Bill. He didn't get his start in Texas radio. He started making his way selling appliances in Kentucky and working part-time as a radio sports announcer and writing copy for the Indianapolis Star.

He then packed his bags and headed south landing at KGTV in Georgetown, Texas where he started making a name for himself selling radio commercials.

In 1977, he got the news that would change his life forever. He learned that a radio station was for sale in Liberty. He bought what was then KPXE and put down roots in Liberty. In the last nearly quarter century, he's made the switch to the FM dial and kept providing Liberty County with "music mixed with things that matter."

Engineering publications and even Readers Digest took note of the station's "split-channel" innovations.

Bill remains very hands on at KSHN and many people in Liberty still talk about how his coverage of The John Hebert Distributing Fire was heard around the world and how KSHN has been in lifeline in floods and Hurricanes Rita and Ike.

Bill Buchanan and KSHN are a huge part of the community of Liberty. The Texas Radio Hall of Fame is lucky to have Bill Buchanan because he keeps local radio local by refusing to let his station be simply a jukebox.

#### STATEMENT BY CONGRESSMAN JOHN B. LARSON AND EULOGY DELIVERED BY SENATOR SHELDON WHITEHOUSE HONORING THE LIFE OF GOVERNOR BRUCE SUNDLUN

### HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 16, 2011*

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, Bruce Sundlun was a remarkable man and an outstanding public servant. His daughter Kara and son-in-law Dennis and their children are constituents of mine. I was fortunate to be chatting with Senator SHELDON WHITEHOUSE, who was recalling his life. Senator WHITEHOUSE delivered the eulogy for Governor Sundlun, and on behalf of Congressman JIM LANGEVIN and DAVID CICILLINE, it is my honor as Democratic Caucus Chair to submit these thoughtful and poignant remarks for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

EULOGY FOR GOVERNOR BRUCE SUNDLUN AS DELIVERED BY U.S. SENATOR SHELDON WHITEHOUSE  
 What a man. What a life.

Bruce Sundlun's accomplishments—as a record-breaking athlete, as a resourceful war hero, as a superb lawyer, as a successful business entrepreneur, and as political leader of our state—would each on their own be significant. You could probably write a book about each. Together, packed all into one energetic life, it makes Bruce Sundlun one of the most accomplished and remarkable men in our state's history.

And that's not even counting five marriages, four children, three unsuccessful runs for governor, two dead raccoons, and one long escape on the loose, behind enemy lines.

There's really just no way to fit it all in.

Let me step into my role as a Sundlun staffer, and ask you to think just of his brief four years as governor. Hit (on Day One of his administration) by an unprecedented bank failure affecting 300,000 Rhode Islanders, AND by the worst budget deficit in state history, AND by an implosion of the state's entire worker's compensation system, AND with the urgent need to restore ethics in government, Bruce was the man for that moment, and swung into his customary decisive action.

The budget was promptly and fairly balanced and the whole budget process improved.

Inventive solutions to repay the depositors and clean up the RISDIC mess were found and implemented, and those at fault were made to pay—over a hundred million dollars.

His worker's compensation reform moved the state from an embarrassment to a model, moving what was then the business community's worst problem completely off the problem list for now going on 20 years.

As a problem solver, he had no peer.

And that alone would be pretty extraordinary. But there was that ethics gap. So Bruce wrote Executive Order 91-One, the ethics executive order that succeeding governors renewed virtually unchanged. He reformed our Ethics Commission. He changed the way we appoint judges, to reduce the politics. He changed the way we fund elections, with a public finance plan and donor limits. Through an intense storm of legal and political opposition, he opened up the pension records; putting an end forever to backroom special pension bills. He got our State Police nationally accredited.

He even cleaned up the Capitol literally!

All that was extraordinary—but still not enough.

In the worst economic times the state had seen since the Depression, with a shrinking budget, he decided to extend universal health care to children—and started the program that became Rite Care. Against immense opposition, he built our new airport terminal. He embarked on the Westin Hotel, the Convention Center, and the Providence Place Mall. He finished the Jamestown Bridge and built the Expressway. And even that's not the end of it.

It was an amazing burst of activity. I will bet that almost every Rhode Islander, almost every day, is somehow touched by something Governor Sundlun did.

And through it all, he drove his staff crazy. He was irrepressible, impatient, imperial, unscriptable, combative, frustrating, willful, constantly threw caution to the winds, impossible to keep up with—he drove us nuts.

And we loved him.

We loved him because he was bold and brave, and was warm-hearted and trusting and generous, and because he was willing to throw caution to the winds to do what was right. We loved him because he never once had us make excuses or try to shift the blame.

That was not his style. "Never complain; never explain."

We all remember his Bruce-isms: