

This proposal is modified from previous Budget proposals in 2010 and 2011 to competitively allocate the remaining funding to address reclamation of the Nation's highest priority abandoned coal mine sites.

FUNDING SUMMARY \$1.2 BILLION

JUSTIFICATION

Coal producers pay a fee on production to fund the reclamation of abandoned coal mines around the country. This abandoned mine land (AML) fee was created so that the coal industry as a whole would take responsibility for cleaning up abandoned coal mines, regardless of where the fees were collected or where the mines were located. However, the funds were authorized to be distributed by a formula based in part on the production volume in each state. Over time, as some States completed their coal reclamation sites and were "certified" as complete, the goal of the AML Program was increasingly distorted as "certified" States and tribes continued to receive the formula grant payments equal to half of the fees collected within their borders.

These payments to "certified" States and tribes may be used for any purpose, so they do not contribute to the original purpose of restoring abandoned coal mine lands. The Administration proposes to focus AML fees on coal mine reclamation by eliminating these unrestricted payments to certified States and tribes, saving approximately \$140 million in 2012 and \$1.2 billion over 10 years. This action will affect four States and three tribes, in addition to any States that become certified in the future.

Noncertified States will continue to receive payments, but the allocation process would be reformed to address the Nation's most hazardous sites each year. Instead of the current production-based formula, a new competitive grant program would be used to ensure that the Nation's highest priority coal sites are addressed before the AML fee expires.

In December 2010, the President's National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform recommended this termination, eliminating payments to States and Tribes that have already been certified as completing this reclamation of abandoned coal mines.

THE LEGACY OF WARREN HELLMAN

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the life and legacy of Warren Hellman: a community leader, a San Francisco legend, and an American success story. Sadly, Warren passed away on December 18th, surrounded by his loving family.

Warren was a tremendously successful businessman: at 28, he was the youngest partner in Lehman Brothers history; at 39, he became the firm's president. It was his business acumen that allowed him to pursue his true passion: philanthropy.

With his deep generosity, intellectual curiosity, and visionary dynamism, he changed the face of our city. His legacy will live on through his contributions to education, music, and civic life.

When Warren saw an opportunity to enrich our city, he acted upon it. He strengthened

and beautified Golden Gate Park. He worked to end homelessness. He supported the San Francisco Free Clinic, and he endowed aquatic sports at UC Berkeley, where he had played water polo as a student. Concerned about dwindling local news coverage in the Internet age, he helped form the Bay Citizen online journalism site. Warren served on the board of Mills College and University of California, Berkeley's Haas School of Business.

Warren was a lover of music, a lover of family, and a lover of life. The three-day concert he founded, Hardly Strictly Bluegrass, held each year in Golden Gate Park, has allowed hundreds of thousands of fans each year to enjoy the music that enriched his life. Warren was involved in every aspect of the festival, including personally recruiting musicians he admired. It is so fitting that Speedway Meadow, the site of the festival, was renamed Hellman Hollow just last week. I know this pleased Warren immensely.

With the passing of Warren Hellman, San Francisco has lost a beloved champion. But we can honor his memory and his enthusiasm by celebrating his many contributions.

Warren Hellman excelled at everything he did, including being a friend. I was proud to call Warren my friend. I hope it is a comfort to his wife Chris and the entire Hellman family whom he cherished that so many mourn his loss and are praying for them at this sad time.

HONORING PATRICK V. MURPHY

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Patrick V. Murphy, an unheralded leader in law enforcement and an early advocate for community policing, for his distinguished service as the first public safety director for the District of Columbia overseeing both the police and fire departments during turbulent times. As well for his work in New York, Connecticut, and Detroit.

Patrick Murphy served as the District's first public safety director, transforming both the police and fire departments during his tenure. He is most well-known here for how he handled the historic rioting that took place in April 1968 in the aftermath of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The rioting here was as destructive as anywhere in the county, but Patrick Murphy used sound judgment while our nation's capital was in turmoil. Murphy said violence begets violence, ordering his officers not to shoot looters and rioters during the riots. Murphy said that he would rather resign than order the shootings of looters. While our city was experiencing unfathomable chaos and wanted justice, Murphy dispersed the mobs of residents gently, and with as few arrests as possible. Because of his efforts and that decision, fewer people were killed in the District of Columbia than in cities that had less widespread riots.

In less trying times, Murphy transformed how his officers interacted with District residents, establishing the "Cop on the Block" program, which allowed police officers to get to know personally the residents they served. This program would serve as a model nation-

wide as many cities turned to (community policing) tactics.

Patrick Murphy, the son of a police officer, was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York. Before Patrick joined the Brooklyn Police Department in 1945, he was a Navy Bomber pilot in World War II. After the war, he came back home and decided to follow in his brothers' and father's footsteps and became a beat cop in the Red Hook District of Brooklyn. Patrick rose quickly through the ranks, becoming deputy inspector and later deputy chief, all while still attending college. Patrick moved to Washington, D.C., in 1965, during a time when race relations between police officers and residents were reaching a boiling point. He was first appointed by President Lyndon B. Johnson to the Office of Law Enforcement Assistance and later took the helm as the District's first public safety director, overseeing the local fire and police departments. He was a nationally recognized force in policing, and after serving the District, went on to become the police commissioner in Detroit and New York City.

In addition to his stellar career, Patrick Murphy was a wonderful husband to his wife, Martha E. Murphy; supportive father of eight, Gerard, Patrick Jr., Kevin, Paul, Mark, Sallie, Eileen, and Anne; and grandfather of 21.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House to join me in honoring Patrick V. Murphy for his accomplishments in law enforcement and his dedication to justice. Law enforcement in the United States is better because of his service.

HONORING WITTENBERG UNIVERSITY TIGERS, THE 2011 NCAA DIVISION III WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONS

HON. STEVE AUSTRIA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. AUSTRIA. Mr. Speaker, on November 20, 2011, the Wittenberg University Tigers Women's Volleyball team won their first NCAA Championship. After ending the regular season with a 37-3, 16-0 NCAC record, the Tigers advanced through the post-season tournament to sweep the title in a 3-0 match against Christopher Newport University. This championship represents years of hard work and dedication by these volleyball players and their coaches. This achievement is also a reflection of the support these women have received from their families, Wittenberg University, and the Springfield, Ohio community.

Members of the 2011 Women's Volleyball team include Hallie Donathan (Tipp City, Ohio); Tessa Litman (Magnolia, Ohio); Hillary Monnin (Russia, Ohio); Katie Sumner (Dublin, Ohio); Ali Hock-James (Cincinnati, Ohio); Kiah Murray (Yorktown, Ind.); Hannah Riley (Minerva, Ohio); Miranda Sagle (Springfield, Ohio); Kimmie Dyer (Copley, Ohio); Kate Shoemaker (Vallonia, Ind.); Courtney Lauber (Zionsville, Ind.); Christine Simpson (Dublin, Ohio).

The Wittenberg University Women's Volleyball team was lead by Head Coach Paco Labrador and Assisted by Laura Jensen and Amy Cox. The team was also heavily supported by Athletic Director Garnett Purnell, and University President Dr. Mark H. Erikson.

Thus, today I ask my colleagues to join me and the constituents of the Ohio's Seventh

Congressional District in congratulating the Wittenberg Tiger Women's Volleyball team.

HONORING FREEHOLDER
BERNADETTE P. MCPHERSON

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my dear friend, Freeholder Bernadette P. McPherson, for her service to our community as an elected member of Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders. Bernadette has dedicated herself in service to her community, and I am pleased to recognize her as she completes another chapter in her distinguished career.

In 1999, Bernadette was elected Councilwoman in the Borough of Rutherford, serving as the first female Fire Department Liaison. She also served as the Borough's Mayor from 2000 until 2007.

Bernadette was first elected to the Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders in 2002, serving as the Board's Freeholder Chairwoman from 2002 through the 2006 term. She currently chairs both the Law and Public Safety Committee and the Organization and Internal Affairs Committee. Freeholder McPherson is also a member of the Budget and Finance, Cultural and Historic Affairs, Veterans Liaison, and New Jersey Legislature committees.

Bernadette graduated Magna Cum Laude from LaSalle University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and English in 1983. She attended both Seton Hall Law School and then Temple University School of Law where she earned her J.D. in 1986.

Bernadette has lived in Rutherford since 1987 with her husband David, an outstanding and highly-regarded attorney, and their four wonderful children.

Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate my dear friend and constituent, Freeholder Bernadette McPherson, on her final Freeholder meeting. I join with all her family and friends, as well as the grateful residents of Bergen County in thanking her for innumerable contributions to our community.

RECOGNIZING MR. ROBERT E.
MOORE FOR HIS HONORABLE
SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Robert E. Moore, who was born in Greenwood, Mississippi. He graduated from Amanda Elzy High School in 1962. From 1966–1969, Mr. Moore was active in the United States Marines Corp where he obtained several medals and commendations. He participated in operations in Danang, Vietnam and in Swanee in the vicinity of An Hoa. Mr. Moore went on to participate in other operations, including Operation Prairie II, Operation Prairie III, Operation Prairie IV, Operation Hickory, Operation Cimarron, Operation Buffalo, Operation Hickory II and Operation King Fisher.

Mr. Moore has received several service medals: National Defense Service Medal, Vietnamese Campaign Medal, Vietnamese Campaign Medal, Presidential Unit Citation and Purple Heart Medal for a gunshot wound to the abdomen during the Vietnam Conflict.

After completing his military obligations, Mr. Moore attended Jackson State University and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology. He furthered his education at the University of Southern Mississippi with a Masters of Science degree in Social Work.

Mr. Moore was elected to the Leflore County Board of Supervisors in 1986 and was recently elected to another four year term. He has worked as a college professor and Director of Social Work at Mississippi Valley State University (MVSU). In 1994, he became the Director of University Center for Economic Development at MVSU and retired in 2006.

In his spare time Mr. Moore enjoys reading, hunting, and community development activities. He is an active member of the American Legion Post 200, the Greenwood Voter's League, and various mentoring programs in Leflore County.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Robert Moore for serving our country honorably.

HONORING TED SHERRY

**HON. CHARLES J. "CHUCK"
FLEISCHMANN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great appreciation for a long and accomplished career of public service to honor Ted Sherry on his retirement from the Department of Energy in his role as Manager of the Site Office at the Y-12 National Security Complex. Ted served with great distinction in support of our country's national defense and nuclear security as a submarine officer in the U.S. Navy and for the last 5 years as manager of a National Nuclear Security Administration premier manufacturing facility in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Under his management, Y-12 has dramatically increased the dismantlement of components for nuclear weapons, supported Nuclear Nonproliferation Programs through uranium recovery missions around the globe, and opened the Highly Enriched Uranium Materials Facility, our nation's central repository for highly enriched uranium.

As a testament to Ted's many achievements, he earned the NNSA Administrator's Gold Medal Award and is widely regarded as one of NNSA's best managers. Ted has made many significant accomplishments throughout his 25 year career with the U.S. government and so today we proudly salute Ted Sherry, an American patriot.

RECOGNITION OF CHIEF GREGORY
STEWART, UNION CITY POLICE
DEPARTMENT

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Chief Gregory Stewart. Chief Stewart is retiring from the Union City, California Police Department on December 30, 2011.

Chief Stewart began his career with the Union City Police Department in November of 1975. After beginning his career as a Public Services Cadet he was then appointed to the position of Reserve Police Officer in 1977. Soon after, he was hired by the Alameda County Sheriff's Department as a Deputy. After his work at the Sheriff's Department he returned to the Union City Police Department and began his duties as a police officer on May 1, 1978.

He quickly ascended the ranks of the Police Department. On December 16, 1986 he was promoted to Sergeant; to Lieutenant on October 1, 1996; to Captain on December 25, 2000. After years of exemplary service to the city and its citizens he was appointed as the Department's seventh Chief of Police on December 21, 2006.

During his career, Gregory Stewart served with distinction in a number of assignments. These have included Patrol, Investigations, Field Training, Supervisor of Patrol, Traffic, Crime Prevention, Research and Analysis, team leader of the Specialized Emergency Response Team as well as Field Operations and Support Services Commander.

Chief Stewart developed an affiliation with Union City's Youth and Family Services department, which led to a cooperative effort to apply the philosophy of the "Boston Cease Fire" program which aimed to reduce teen violence. He also implemented the "Crime Free" program, a citywide effort to improve the quality of life for Union City residents.

Chief Stewart has continually displayed astuteness, veracity, diligence, and objectivity in executing his duties as Chief Police. Throughout his tenure, these traits have earned him the respect and admiration of his subordinates, peers, other Law Enforcement professionals, and the community of Union City.

Thank you Gregory Stewart for 35 years of dedicated service in Law Enforcement and for 33 years as a sworn officer with the Union City Police Department. Your commitment and leadership have been exemplary and will leave a lasting legacy.

HONORING JUSTIN ADINOLFI

HON. CHRISTOPHER S. MURPHY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to note with great sadness the passing of Justin Adinolfi, a leader and inspiration in my home town of Cheshire, Connecticut.

Justin was born and raised in Connecticut and spent most of his life there. After receiving his undergraduate degree from Boston College and his MBA from William & Mary, Justin