

physically arrested the belligerent, despite gun-shot wounds he had sustained to his leg. After a fellow soldier was able to neutralize the insurgent, Sgt. Gilboe delayed medical treatment to help secure the area and aid his wounded comrades.

There is no question that that Sgt. Gilboe's actions saved the lives of his comrades that day. His remarkable heroism and devotion to his fellow soldiers are an inspiration to all that know him or have heard his story. Beyond the great honor of the Silver Star, our nation owes Sgt. Gilboe our everlasting thanks and appreciation. I am proud and greatly humbled to stand here today and honor such an individual.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Sgt. Timothy Gilboe for his incredible heroism.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 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 \$15,104,054,667,691.48. We've added \$10,302,649,492,397.20 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.

COMMENDING KEVIN FAY FOR RECEIVING THE 2012 JAMES L. EICHBERG LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend Kevin Fay for being named the recipient of the inaugural James L. Eichberg Lifetime Achievement Award for his many years of tremendous service to our community.

Kevin has been an Executive Committee member of the Leukemia Ball for 15 years, helping to raise more than \$3 million for research funding. In 2001, he founded The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Congressional Honors Program helping to educate those of us in Congress on the many challenges these deadly diseases pose, and the effectiveness of research funding in leading to advances in diagnosing and treating them.

Kevin has served on the Fairfax County Park Authority since 2003, improving the quality of life for local residents. He has helped provide new athletic fields, a fully accessible playground for children of all abilities, additional County trails and the preservation of historic sites. He has chaired several Park Authority committees, as well as serving as a liaison to the Fairfax County Public Schools.

Additionally, Kevin has assisted in the fundraising efforts of numerous charitable organi-

zations such as St. Patrick's Foundation, The World's Children Choir and McLean Little League. Thanks to his tireless efforts, Kevin has helped raise millions of dollars in funding for these and other worthy organizations.

I have been privileged to know Kevin Fay for many years and I have marveled at his generosity of spirit in his many volunteering capacities throughout our region. I know that our community has benefited greatly from his good deeds. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending Kevin Fay for being named the 2012 recipient of the James L. Eichberg Lifetime Achievement Award, and to offer our thanks for his lifetime of work on behalf of others.

EXTENDING CONDOLENCES TO THE PEOPLE OF THE PHILIPPINES

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my condolences to the people of the Philippines in the aftermath of the destructive typhoon and flood that swept across Mindanao, devastating the coastal areas around Cagayan de Oro, Iligan, and Bukinon.

This past weekend, Typhoon Washi struck the Philippines with turbulent winds, overwhelming the region with a month's worth of rain over just 12 hours. The heavy rain caused rivers to overflow and, in the middle of the night, the fast rising waters ravaged the populated villages. An estimated 167,000 Filipinos have been impacted, with 957 losing their lives. Sadly, these numbers rise as each day passes.

Right now, these areas are suffering from crowded evacuation centers, inundated medical facilities, and destroyed homes. As the Philippines and the United States have an historically close relationship, it is important to ensure that we assist the Filipino people as best we can, and help the many suffering rebuild and heal. The needs in these destroyed areas are substantial.

I also commend the quick community efforts of U.S. based Filipino organizations, such as Kagay-anon International of Southern California (KISC), for answering the call to help. Within 24 hours, KISC already collected 15 boxes worth of clothing, food, and water. It is organizations like this that truly bring hope to those in need and make a difference in a crisis.

Again, I express my deepest condolences to the people of the Philippines. As the holidays approach, know that we support and stand by you as you work to recover from this natural disaster.

HONORING ASHER B. DURAND AND THE HUDSON RIVER SCHOOL OF PAINTERS

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor two important paintings in the Capitol

Visitors Center that were recently placed for public viewing by the Architect of the Capitol. I refer to the famous 19th century painter Albert Bierstadt's works "The Discovery of the Hudson River" and "Entrance into Monterey," which can be viewed near the starting point for visitor tours through the Capitol. These paintings represent a uniquely American point of view as part of the Hudson River School of Painting.

Within my district in New York City, there are many connections to this first indigenous American school of painting and its artists. One artist, Asher Durand, stands out in particular.

Durand helped found what is known today as the National Academy Museum and School, which I am proud to have in my district. Durand was a very accomplished artist of the 19th century and he served as president of the Academy for many years. His style was highly detailed, a hallmark of the School, and one of his most famous pieces, "Kindred Spirits," is often cited as one of the works most emblematic of the School's ideals. This painting, which resided in the iconic New York Public Library in my district for over 100 years, cemented Durand's place at the forefront of the movement created by the Hudson River School.

As the School's prominence grew, many of the painters traveled abroad to study and were introduced to the culture of the capitals of Europe, the Middle East, and North Africa. These travels inspired many of the artists to join with other leaders to found the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City in 1870. Located in my district on Fifth Avenue, around 5 million visitors walk up the steps of this landmark institution each year. Some of the School's painters later served as trustees and members of the Executive Committee for the Met. Today, many works from the Hudson River School, including several by Durand, hang there.

Some painters also traveled to the American West, which at the time, was an exciting, undiscovered region that captivated Americans in the East. The members of Congress were so inspired by the works produced on these trips that they dedicated national parks, such as Yellowstone and Yosemite, to protect the awe-inspiring landscapes many had only ever witnessed on canvas. This spirit of environmental conservation became more and more popular, and these paintings were later used to support the creation of the National Parks Service in 1916.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the importance of painters like Asher Durand and his contemporaries of the Hudson River School, whose contributions to our country's art, culture, and society are innumerable and still important to every American today.

H.R. 3029, THE REDUCING THE SIZE OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THROUGH ATTRITION ACT OF 2011

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, earlier this week, the Committee on Oversight and Government

Reform filed a report to accompany H.R. 3029, the Reducing the Size of the Federal Government Through Attrition Act of 2011. The purpose of the legislation is to reduce the size of the federal civilian workforce by ten percent through attrition. The bill also makes the federal government subject to a hiring freeze if the size of the workforce exceeds ninety percent of its size as of September 30, 2011. The legislation requires tough, but necessary, choices to control government spending.

As discussed in the committee report, H.R. 3029 provides the President, acting through the Office of Management and Budget and in consultation with the Office of Personnel Management, broad flexibility to achieve the necessary reduction in the size of the federal civilian workforce and to prioritize staffing needs across the federal government. The Committee cites federal law enforcement as an occupational category that meets the requirements for an exemption from both the required workforce reduction and the hiring freeze.

The Committee recognizes that the federal government's law enforcement responsibilities have expanded in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. The national security and homeland security challenges our nation faces are increasingly complex, and require a dedicated workforce of federal civilian employees. In exercising the waiver authority provided in the bill, the Committee believes the President should give every consideration to members of the federal law enforcement community whose duties include (1) the investigation, apprehension, or detention of individuals suspected or convicted of offenses against the criminal laws of the United States; (2) the protection of officials of the United States against threats to personal safety; or (3) the protection of life and property, such as government institutions performing emergency work involving the safety of human life or the protection of property.

The Committee will carefully monitor implementation of H.R. 3029 to ensure the federal government's law enforcement mission is appropriately protected.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DANIEL BUCKNER PRICE

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Daniel Buckner Price and the steadfast faith and goodwill of the Price family. Daniel was brutally murdered at the age of 28 in San Francisco while trying to protect his high school sweetheart and wife, Sarah Abbott Price, from an attacker.

A native of my hometown of New Orleans, Louisiana, Daniel was a loving husband, brother, son, and friend. During his short life, in addition to being remembered as a devoted family man, we remember Daniel as a talented artist and gifted athlete.

Family, friends, and strangers alike remember Daniel for his infectious spirit and creativity.

An inspiration to all whose lives he touched, Daniel had the ability to find beauty in even the simplest pleasures.

Daniel's parents, Dr. Steve and Mrs. Catherine Price are great parents and loving members of the New Orleans community. Following his tragic death, his family created the Daniel Price Memorial Fund for Aspiring Artists to give talented fine arts graduates of the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts (NOCCA) an opportunity to pursue higher educational studies in the arts. Instead of giving up on the good in people and becoming jaded, they doubled down on their faith and in the future of New Orleans' best product and our future: our children. The scholarship will enable future generations of young, talented artists like Daniel Price to follow their artistic passion while obtaining a college degree. One criterion for the scholarship is that the applicant must also demonstrate an ongoing commitment to the New Orleans artistic community. This will ensure that the beneficiaries of the scholarship continue to contribute to New Orleans' future in the years ahead.

While we continue to grieve the loss of such a precious and innocent life, let us find the strength to be inspired to be kind and generous, and to live our lives with the same vitality and integrity that Daniel Buckner Price lived his life. The Price family represents the best of what New Orleans has to offer. Their dedication to the city and its future brings hope and promise to ensuring that New Orleans remains one of the most beautiful and unique places in the world.

RECOGNIZING RETIRED SERGEANT MAJOR CHARLES SCOTT SR. 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 a remarkable veteran, Retired Sergeant Major Charles Scott, Sr., United States Army. Mr. Scott was born on August 7, 1928, in Vicksburg, Mississippi. He is the sixth of nine children born to Oscar and Evelyn Scott. His early years of education began at Cherry Street School and from there he went on to Magnolia High School.

Mr. Scott entered the U.S. Army on November 27, 1950, where he served in the Korean War with the 96th Field Artillery as an Artillery Crewman. He served four tours of duty in Germany totaling ten years. He also toured twice in Vietnam with the 101st Airborne Division; coordinating artillery fire, mortar fire, attacking enemy helicopters and close air strikes by the Air Forces.

During his last five years in service, Mr. Scott was the advisor to the U.S. Army Reserve in South Mississippi. Sergeant Major Scott retired in 1983 accumulating more than 30 years of service in the United States military. His Awards include: The Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with One Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal with Three Oak Leaf Clusters, Good Conduct Medal 10th Awards, Army of Occupation Medal (Germany), National Defense Service Medal with One Oak Leaf Cluster, Korean Service Medal with Two Stars, Vietnam Service Medal with Three Stars, Army Service Ribbon, NCO Professional Development Ribbon,

United Nations Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign, Presidential Unit Citation, Valorous Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, Vietnam Presidential Unit Citation, Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm Unit Citation, Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Unit Citation and Honorable Order of St. Barbara.

Retired Major Scott is a member of Mount Heroden Baptist Church where he is the Chairman of the Trustee Board. He is also a member of the American Legion Tyner-Ford Post 213, and the former commander of the American Legion Department of Mississippi from 2005 through 2006 with 18,000 members. He is presently the sixth district Vice Commander. On the National Level, he is the Vice Chairman of the Americanism Council for Children and Youth Department, a Life member of American Legion 101st Airborne Association, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disable American Veterans Post #22, the National Association for Uniformed Service, a member of the AARP and a member of the American Legion Legislative Division.

Mr. Scott is happily married to his wife of 24 years, Mrs. Lillie M. Scott and they have six children, seventeen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Retired Sergeant Major. Charles Scott, Sr. for the dedication of service he's given to our country.

RECOGNITION OF COMMANDER DONNA SHEARN, NEWARK, CALI- FORNIA 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 Commander Donna Shearn. Commander Shearn is retiring after serving 25 years as a member of the Newark, California Police Department.

Commander Shearn began her career with the Newark Police Department as a police officer on August 16, 1986. While serving as an officer, she was assigned to patrol and the Special Enforcement Unit. Additionally, she was a member of the Hostage Negotiation Team. Commander Shearn was one of the first three original D.A.R.E. officers and also worked as a School Resource Officer. To show her commitment to the citizens of Newark, Commander Shearn was active in the creation of the Newark Police Department's Vision Statement.

In July 1991, Commander Shearn was promoted to the rank of Sergeant, the first and only female to make Sergeant in the Department's history. She served as Administrative Sergeant, as well as Acting Detective Division Commander. In addition to her Patrol Sergeant responsibilities, she supervised a number of Department programs. These programs included, Field Training Officer, Acting Supervisor, Explorers, Hostage Negotiations, Trauma Response, Vehicle Abatement, Safety Patrol, and Patrol Scheduling and Staffing.

On July 1, 2004, Commander Shearn was promoted to Police Lieutenant. She was the