

economy and American workers, but also to our national security.

The terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001 revealed the catastrophic consequences of the inability of first responders, fire, police, and rescue personnel to communicate with each other via radio during emergencies.

Communication glitches also occurred during the response to Hurricane Katrina. Yet the Republicans want to terminate grants for interoperable emergency communications. Have we not learned anything from the communications failure during 9/11?

These draconian cuts will put our first responders at risk and slow down the response to terrorist attacks and natural disasters. I cannot in good conscience accept these cuts to interoperable emergency communications.

The irresponsible Republican plan also put our nation's fire fighting ability at risk. I am from California and we know about fires. The bill eliminates the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant program, (SAFER), which is why it is strongly opposed by the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAAF).

The IAAF estimates that these cuts will result in the loss of 5,200 jobs on top of the 5,000 fire fighter jobs lost since 2008. These cuts will put our communities at risk.

The City of Compton in my district is home to an Emergency Operations Center operated by FEMA. My district is also home to several major oil refineries, gas treatment facilities, and petro chemical facilities. California's 37th Congressional District is also home to the Port City of Long Beach and is located on the outskirts of Los Angeles. A centralized emergency response center is vital to my district and the surrounding communities.

This Republican job-destroying continuing resolution seeks to eliminate these Emergency Operations Centers. Not only will the elimination of these centers result in the loss of jobs, they will put my constituents and other Americans across the country at risk. This Emergency Operations Centers are needed to coordinate the necessary resources during an emergency.

I cannot support depriving first responders, firefighters, and police officers of the tools needed to respond to public emergencies, natural or man-made. Why would we want to risk a repeat of the disaster we witnessed in the response to Hurricane Katrina? How are we better off by depriving our first responders the ability to communicate with each other during an emergency? It defies common sense.

Terrorists that are trying to attack our country are modifying their techniques to try to find our nation's vulnerabilities. Unfortunately, the Republican's bill reduces Federal, State, and tribal capabilities to secure our nation against terrorist and other catastrophic threats. This bill also diminishes our ability to protect our borders and significantly scales back our ability to detect chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear threats.

Mr. Chairman, H.R. 1 continues the Republican avoidance of bringing job creation bills to the floor. Since the Republican's have been in control of the House, they have not brought one job creating bill to the floor. Not one. Worse, the bill before us today will actually kill jobs. Thousands of Americans will lose jobs under this Republican bill. Instead of our keeping our economy moving forward as was the case during the Clinton Administration and

during the 111th Congress, this bill will reverse the economic progress we have seen for the last several months.

I urge my colleagues to vote against H.R. 1. Let's work together to ensure our first responders have the tools and resources needed to respond to natural and man-made disasters and terrorist attacks.

HONORING RIA JUDGE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 16, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Ria Judge was born on January 23, 1968 in Vicksburg to Ms. Lucinda Williams and reared by her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Williams.

Mrs. Judge graduated from Vicksburg High in 1986 and furthered her education by obtaining a Bachelor in Elementary Education from the University of Southern Mississippi, followed by a double Masters in Administration and Education from Alcorn State University.

Mrs. Judge has been teaching in the Vicksburg-Warren Public School system for the last 17 years and presently serves as Assistant Principal at Beechwood Elementary School.

Children and the elderly have always been Mrs. Judge's passion. She has been the assistant troop leader for Girl Scout Troop #5119 since 2005, dedicated Sunday School teacher, served on Mountain of Faith Restoration Shelter for Homeless Women and Children Board, volunteers at local nursing homes and has worked in many local campaign elections because of the concern she has for her community.

Mrs. Judge is married to Terry Judge and they have two children, Tavarius and Isla.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE FLOYD BUCKNER

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 16, 2011

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable public servant who has served the people of South Carolina's lowcountry for more than four decades. Mr. Floyd Buckner has been a member of Colleton County Council for 28 years, and was an educator in Colleton and Dorchester County School Districts for 39 years. He has earned the praise and respect of his fellow citizens and is deserving of this recognition.

Floyd Buckner graduated from Colleton County's Ruffin High School in 1960. He went on to earn a bachelor's degree from Benedict College in 1964, and a master's degree in Education from South Carolina State University in 1970.

He began his teaching career in the mid-1960s in Dorchester County schools and rose to the position of principal of Jenkins Hill Middle School in Harleyville in 1972. The following year, his home county hired Mr. Buckner to serve as Principal of Forest Hills Elementary School in Walterboro. In 1975, Mr. Buckner became the director for the Title I Program in

the Colleton County School District, a position he held until his retirement in 2002. In this capacity, he instituted a classroom on wheels designed to serve the educational needs of pre-school children, and received recognition from the U.S. Department of Education for the program's effectiveness. His commitment to the Colleton County School District was rewarded with the dedication of the Floyd Buckner Title I Parent Center in Walterboro in 1995.

Mr. Buckner also contributed to the education of young people statewide. Governor Dick Riley appointed him as a member of a state committee tasked with drafting legislation for the Education Improvement Act. He also served as President of the South Carolina State Association of Elementary Secondary Education Act Board in 1980-1981.

In addition to serving our youth in the schools, Mr. Buckner felt called to run for elective office. In 1982, he ran for a seat on Colleton County Council, and the race earned him the distinction of being the first African American to win a run-off election in that county. Mr. Buckner has served on Colleton County Council since his swearing-in on January 1, 1983.

During his service on County Council he has been committed to delivering the best service to the people of Colleton County with limited resources. He is known for ensuring equitable treatment in areas such as education, access, and quality of life. He is an expert on policy, protocol and procedures, having spent a number of years serving as the County Council Chairman. He also helped lead the restoration of the historic Old Jail into the building that houses the current County Council Chambers. His tremendous service has been recognized by Colleton County with the naming of the building at North Jefferies Boulevard in Walterboro in his honor.

Mr. Buckner has also been a committed member of the community. He has served on a number of boards including the Lowcountry Council of Governments, the Lowcountry Community Action Agency, and the South Carolina Migrant Workers Board. He is currently a member of the Walterboro-Colleton County Regional Airport Board and the Hollings Cancer Center Disparities Advisory Board at the Medical University of South Carolina. Mr. Buckner is the first president of the Arabian Temple #139, the Walterboro Shrine Club. With his appointment to the First Federal Savings and Loan Board, he became the first African American in Colleton County to serve on a bank board. He is also the first African American to own and publish a newspaper in Colleton County.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in commending Floyd Buckner for his outstanding lifetime of public service. He is a trailblazer and a role model for so many in South Carolina's lowcountry, and I am proud to call him a friend.

FULL-YEAR CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. LINDA T. SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 15, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under

consideration the bill (H.R. 1) making appropriations for the Department of Defense and the other departments and agencies of the Government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, and for other purposes:

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Chair, I rise today in strong opposition to H.R. 1, which takes America a step backward, jeopardizes our fragile economic recovery, and does absolutely nothing to create jobs.

This funding plan leaves American working families behind.

You'll hear promises of "fiscal discipline" and "down payment on the debt" from my colleagues on the other side of the aisle, but these promises are empty. This bill does little more than strike at the heart of critical programs that invest in our communities, our workers, and our children.

Moreover, by irresponsibly taking a slash and burn approach to budget cutting, this bill fails to present a thoughtful blueprint that we can use to slowly but surely chip away at the budget deficit while still allowing us to out-educate, out-innovate, and out-build our foreign competitors.

We often compare building the federal budget to balancing a family budget. There are certainly some relevant similarities. But I know one thing, if I found my family's budget in as serious trouble as the federal budget, I would not simply take a machete to my various expenditures.

I would carefully study them, and continue most or all of my productive and useful investments while eliminating unnecessary items and carefully paring back in other areas until I knew enough about how the cuts would affect my future income.

Would a family with money troubles immediately pull their children out of college? I don't think so. Then why does this proposal reduce Pell grants that make college more affordable and kick 200,000 children out of Head Start?

Why does it reduce investments in science research, job-creating high-speed rail, and the popular COPS program to assist local police?

Why does it cut worker training when unemployed Americans—especially those in places like Lynwood and South Gate in my district—need new skills now more than ever?

It is shameful that the House Republican Majority proposes to eliminate a program for homeless veterans, those who have selflessly served our nation.

Certainly, to get the federal budget on the path toward balance, we must find cuts we can all agree on. Tough decisions will have to be made. But these are not those cuts. Just as our economy is starting to recover is no time to leave our children, our veterans, or our workers behind.

I urge my colleagues to oppose this funding bill and reject its priorities. We must do better for American families.

HONORING ROBERT A. DENNIS

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 16, 2011

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Robert A. Dennis, Assistant Director for Macroeconomic Analysis of the Congressional Budget Office, upon his retirement after

32 years of outstanding service to CBO and the Congress. Bob has been instrumental in providing the Congress with analyses of macroeconomic issues throughout his exceptional career at CBO. His extraordinary analytical skills and leadership ability were recognized early in his CBO career. While serving in his first position as a Principal Analyst in the Macroeconomic Analysis Division during the early 1980s, Mr. Dennis received a CBO Director's Award in recognition of outstanding performance. He was later promoted to the position of Deputy Assistant Director of the Macroeconomic Analysis Division in 1988 and to the position of Assistant Director of the Division in 1992, the position he has held until his retirement at the end of February, 2011.

Bob's versatility and skill as an economist are evident in the Division's high-quality and prescient work on an extraordinarily diverse range of issues. Those issues included, for example, the macroeconomic effects of the savings and loan crisis, possible terrorist disruptions of U.S. ports, flu epidemics, trade agreements, financial crises, housing policies, economic stimulus policies, changes in tax policy, and climate policy, as well as the determinants of long-term economic growth. Bob has been central to the development of the procedures the Macroeconomic Analysis Division has used to prepare the economic outlook for the budget baseline. He even wrote the computer software that the Division used for many years to analyze current economic developments and prepare charts for CBO publications.

Bob has performed his various duties within the Congressional Budget Office with objectivity, non-partisanship, and a high level of professionalism. I commend him for his many years of dedicated, faithful, and exemplary service to the United States and the Congress. This nation is fortunate enough indeed to have outstanding and dedicated public servants like Bob Dennis at CBO. Bob's presence will be missed but his legacy of commitment and superlative service will carry on.

TRIBUTE TO CPL. JOSEPH C.
WHITEHEAD

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 16, 2011

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, there is no greater sacrifice one can make for his country than to lay down his life in defense of our freedom. It is with a heavy heart that I inform this House that one of our own from South Alabama, Cpl. Joseph C. Whitehead, recently lost his life in the service of America.

Cpl. Whitehead, a native of Axis, Alabama, was a 2007 graduate of Satsuma High School where he was a talented and versatile player. Upon graduation, he joined the United States Marine Corps, where he was assigned to the 2nd Combat Engineer Battalion, 2nd Marine Division II Marine Expeditionary Force based in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Last month, Cpl. Whitehead was conducting combat operations with his fellow Marines in Afghanistan's Helmand province when he encountered an improvised explosive device. According to reports, Cpl. Whitehead was performing a sweep when the IED took his life.

Cpl. Joe Whitehead was not only the embodiment of the Marine, tough and devoted to

his comrades and his country, he was known to his family and friends as "always smiling and loved everyone and everyone loved him."

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of this House, on behalf of a grateful nation and on behalf of the people of Alabama, I wish to extend heartfelt condolences and support to the family of Cpl. Joe Whitehead including his mother, Melanie Miller; fathers Mark Goodhue and Keith Miller; sister, Jessica Whitehead; brothers Destin Goodhue and Jeffrey Miller; grandparents Roy and Wanda Patrick, Willie Whitehead and Joan Sasser, Jackie Norwood, Devon and Lucille Miller; great grandparents Don and Barbara Johnson; and, his entire family and friends. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

HONORING MARION LEROY HAYES,
EDUCATOR

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 16, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Marion Leroy Hayes, Mississippi's Second Black Superintendent of Education and Jefferson County's First Black Superintendent of Education. He was married to the late Mrs. Louise B. Hayes who was a Jefferson County Elementary Retired School Teacher during 1976-1977.

Mr. Marion Leroy Hayes is the son of Mrs. Irene Hayes and the late L.J. Hayes, born and reared in Jefferson County, Mississippi where he attended public schools in Jefferson, Claiborne and Warren counties. He received his Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degree from Alcorn State University in Lorman, Mississippi; Master's Degree from Southern University Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He furthered his studies at Mississippi College in Clinton, Mississippi, University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, Atlanta University in Atlanta, Georgia and The University of Mississippi.

Mr. Marion Leroy Hayes served in the United States Air Force and Army for seven and one-half years during the Korean Conflict where he received an honorable discharge. During that time he served overseas in Guam, North Africa and Germany.

Mr. Marion Leroy Hayes believes in the Lord and is a member of the East Mount Olive M.B. Church. He is also a member of the Prince Hall Masons, Board of Trustees of Copiah-Lincoln Junior College; Chairman of the American Red Cross Fund Raising Advisory Committee; Boy Scouts of America; Jefferson County Board of Directors; Chamber of Commerce; Advisory Committee, National Youth Sports Program, Alcorn State University, State Advisory Committee of Teacher Certification; Director of Title III ESEA; American Association of Administrators, Mississippi Association of Schools Superintendents; and Mississippi Association of School Administrators.

Mr. Marion Leroy Hayes is listed in Who's Who Biographical Records—School District Officials 1976, 1st Edition; Who's Who in Educational Administration, 1976-1977; and Who's Who Among Black Americans, 1977-1978.

Mr. Marion Leroy Hayes has been given many awards in his lifetime. He has received such notable awards as Star Teacher in 1970,