

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,

1971, 1972, Presidential Citation—National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education in 1984, Service to the Community Directory of Distinguished Americans in 1981, District Award of Merit—Natchez Trace District for the Boy Scouts of America in 1987, For Service to Scouting as Vice Chairman of Natchez Trace District in 1976 and Certificate of Appreciation—Co-Lin Junior College Board of Trustees in 1987.

RECOGNIZING MRS. MILLIE KINDIG
AS THE 2011 WASHINGTON COUNTY
ROOKIE TEACHER OF THE
YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 16, 2011

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Millie Kindig as the 2011 Washington County Rookie Teacher of the Year.

A graduate of Florida State University, Millie Kindig received her degree in 2002 and moved with her husband to Alachua County, Florida where she began her teaching career. Four years ago, Mrs. Kindig and her family moved back to Northwest Florida, and she began teaching at Chipley High School in Washington County.

Our many great teachers inspire their students to pursue excellence and to achieve greatness. During her short time in Washington County, Mrs. Kindig has proven to be an inspiring instructor. She helps mold the leaders of our future by providing a mathematical education that will give them the tools needed to succeed. She currently teaches Algebra, Geometry and Analysis of Functions. Her expertise is invaluable to her students.

Mrs. Kindig's success in the classroom shows that with hard-work and commitment, young educators can be just as successful as their more senior colleagues. Her recognition as the Washington County Rookie Teacher of the Year is a reflection of her undeniable excellence in the classroom. She is among the great teachers in Northwest Florida, and Washington County is honored to have her as one of their own.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to recognize Millie Kindig for her accomplishments and her continuing commitment to excellence at Chipley High School. My wife Vicki joins me in congratulating Mrs. Kindig, and we wish her all the best.

HONORING STEWARD
ROSENGRANT

HON. TOM MARINO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 16, 2011

Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of my constituent, Mr. Steward Rosengrant, on the occasion of his 80th birthday. Steward was born on February 11, 1931 on a farm in Elmhurst, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania.

Steward, one of eight children, spent all of his childhood on the family farm. He grad-

uated in 1949 from the Lake Vocational High School. Upon his graduation, Steward was hired full-time as a milk tester in Bradford County. He attended Pennsylvania State University classes focusing on milk testing and feed management. Steward is also a veteran, having served our country for two years in the United States Army.

In 1957, Steward became a Dairy Herd Improvement Association tester and he served as President of the Association for two terms and retired from the Association after 44 years of dedicated service.

Steward Rosengrant is deeply committed to his community in Bradford County. He held the position of Bradford County Manager for 28 years. He served as Treasurer of the Bradford County Dairy Promotion Board for 32 years. And he was actively involved in the Troy Fair where he worked at the promotion booth, dipped ice cream, made milk shakes, and retrieved supplies for the booths. Steward served as the President of the Wysox Volunteer Fire Company for 10 years in addition to serving on several committees. He has also been a member of the Wysox Ambulance Association for 15 years and currently serves as the Director. Steward has been a member of the Towanda Methodist Church for 40 years and served on many committees.

Steward married his wife, Barbara, on November 11, 1965. The couple has lived in their home in Bradford County since 1965 where they raised 4 children and now have 11 grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today to honor Steward Rosengrant on his 80th birthday and ask my colleagues to join me in praising his commitment to his family, his community, and our nation.

EDWARD A. RAPS TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 16, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Edward Raps, of Del Norte, Colorado. Undersheriff Raps was recently appointed Rio Grande undersheriff.

Undersheriff Raps served in the U.S. Army for four years, where he served in the Airborne as a military traffic accident investigator, and as a traffic division leader. His military experience provided an ideal backdrop for his transition to civilian law enforcement.

Undersheriff Raps' expansive career in law enforcement includes work in Missouri, El Paso County, Kit Carson County, and the Colorado Corrections Association. He served as Kit Carson County Sheriff for a number of years as well. Attending numerous classes, certificate programs and schools over the past few decades, Edward's law enforcement pedigree is well-rounded and extensive.

He has a passion for agriculture and the outdoors. Aside from having an extensive knowledge and background in farming and agriculture, Edward is a supporter of wildlife habitat preservation, and also teaches youth courses in hunter safety.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize Undersheriff Raps for his service to the law enforcement field. Any organization is lucky to have him, and I would like to thank him for

decades of service in both the civilian and military law enforcement fields.

HONORING OSCAR PRICE, JR.

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. Oscar Price Jr. Mr. Price who was born in Robinsonville, MS on July 24, 1953 to the late Oscar, Sr. and Dora. Encouraged by his parents, Oscar Jr., learned the value of education at an early age. Oscar attended school at Christian Spring Church where he was taught by the late Edna Pullam Carpenter. Soon after, Oscar attended school at Shallow Baptist Church and later transferred to Rosa Fort Elementary during the early 60s. Price furthered his education, attended grade school, middle school, and completed his coursework in 1972. He worked on farms and returned to school to graduate from Rosa Fort High School, Class of 73. Oscar completed various technical courses and educational training to advance in a competitive job market.

Oscar, at an early age, confessed Christ at Good Hope #1 Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend R. Douglas. Price participated in various church activities that taught good morals, sound values, and respect for others. Price earned the role of becoming a junior deacon at his church. He served his church family and community through volunteering and participating in events. Later, Price became a Deacon at Good Hope where he continues to worship. In addition, to this spiritualistic accomplishment, Price has now served as the Chairman of the Deacon Board for over twenty years.

Oscar's employment career began on local farms. Later, he became a student bus driver. Leaving high school in December 1972, Oscar was employed as a laborer at Amax Aluminum in Hernando, MS. Price was promoted to the maintenance department. Shortly after that promotion, Price's hard work paid off. He was promoted to one of the few tool and die repairmen. Price later ended his employment journey at Amax and began employment at Texas Gas Transmission in 1978. Oscar continued his work at Texas Gas Transmission as a maintenance man and plant operator. Price recently retired after 32 years of employment at Texas Gas Transmission.

Oscar married Mary Ann Camper on May 20, 1975. He is the proud father of four children: Markuette, Oscar III, Gureka, Toynga. Price is also the proud grandfather of Oscar IV and Taunta Price.

From 1981 to 1983 Oscar served as the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) President for Tunica County School District. Later, he was elected to the Tunica County School Board where he served as Secretary for many years, and later became President of the School Board. Oscar served a total of eighteen years on the School Board of Tunica County. One of his most prize honors is when he worked with families, his community, and Tunica County's faculty, staff, and administrators to remove their students from corrective action. Price received numerous awards for being a proactive band parent, athletic booster, and community volunteer and representative. He also worked with community leaders