

Heller (NV) Amendment #482—Rollcall #139—No
 Noem (SD) Amendment #563—Rollcall #140—No
 Pitts (PA) Amendment #430—Rollcall #141—No
 Carney (DE) Amendment #241—Rollcall #142—No
 Mulvaney (SC) Amendment #164—Rollcall #143—No

AUSTRALIA HELPS BUILD THE EDUCATION CENTER AT THE VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 4, 2011

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, this Monday morning the Prime Minister of Australia, the Honorable Julia Gillard, will be participating in a ceremony on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial to present a \$3 million check from the government of the Commonwealth of Australia to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund to help build the Education Center at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

On behalf of my constituents, I hereby extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Prime Minister Gillard and the Australian people. Throughout the twentieth century and into the twenty-first, Australia has been a reliable and close ally and partner to our nation. The decision by the Australian government to make such a generous contribution to build the Education Center is a vivid reminder of the close ties that bind our two countries.

The Vietnam War was a difficult time for both the United States and Australia. From 1962 to 1972, some 60,000 Australians served in Vietnam, during which time more than 500 Australians lost their lives and another 3,000 were wounded or otherwise injured. I am gratified that our close friend and ally, Australia, is joining Americans in helping to build the Education Center at the Wall.

Of the 185,700 Ohioans who served in Vietnam, the names of the 3,095 Ohioans who died during the war are etched on the Wall. For almost thirty years, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial has served as a powerful and moving tribute to their sacrifice and the sacrifice of the more than 58,000 Americans who perished in the Vietnam War. I cannot overstate the importance of telling the stories of bravery and dedication behind the names etched on the Wall. That is exactly what the Education Center at the Wall will do. Not only will the Education Center tell the story of the Vietnam War, but it will also serve as a fulcrum of education and learning about the courage and patriotism of all of America's service members throughout the ages.

I was so moved and gratified to learn of the Australian government's generous contribution to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund. In a larger sense, Mr. Speaker, this is a gift from the Australian people to not just the Memorial Fund, but to all Americans.

Thank you, Prime Minister Gillard, and many thanks to the Australian people.

FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS AMENDMENTS, 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 1, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.J. Res. 44, a short-term continuing resolution (CR) for one simple reason. It continues the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Yesterday, nine Afghan children between the ages of nine and fifteen were killed by a NATO strike after being mistaken for insurgents. General Petraeus issued an apology and promised to investigate the killings. According to the New York Times, news of their deaths sparked anti-U.S. protests. They were killed in the Pech Valley, an area of Afghanistan once considered vital to U.S. military strategy, that the U.S. military will soon be withdrawing from after a realization that our presence was destabilizing the area. Our presence in Afghanistan is destabilizing the country as a whole, not just in the Pech Valley.

We can no longer ignore such incidents as just a part of the reality of war. It is time to end the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan that have only undermined U.S. national and economic security.

HONORING CHIEF NICHOLE ARMSTRONG ANDERSON

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 4, 2011

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Chief Nichole Armstrong Anderson. Veteran Deputy Anderson has been appointed as the first female African American police chief of the Broward County Sheriff's Office. For over 16 years, Officer Anderson has remained dedicated to public service and to keeping our community safe. In recognition of her outstanding service record she has been awarded numerous commendations for her job performance and her commitment to upholding and enforcing the law.

Officer Anderson was born on July 8, 1970, and graduated from Dillard High School with honors in June of 1988. She began her law enforcement career with the Florida Department of Corrections as a correctional probation officer in 1994. She was soon offered a position with the Florida Highway Patrol for the position of State trooper. Upon completing a challenging and rigorous six month training program in Tallahassee, FL, she was assigned to Troop C in Tampa, FL. After leaving the Florida Highway Patrol, she began with the Broward County Sheriff's Office and was assigned to road patrol. From there, she was promoted to the rank of sergeant on August 3, 2001, and was assigned to the Tamarac District. Her devotion to public service and commitment to keeping our community safe have led to several promotions.

Her exemplary professional record led Officer Anderson to the rank of lieutenant where she was assigned to the Pompano Beach District. She was later transferred to the position

of executive officer to the sheriff. After attending the prestigious Southern Police Institute 114th Administrative Officers Course in 2005, at the University of Louisville in Louisville, Kentucky, she was assigned to the position of executive officer of the Pompano Beach District Area 2 Command. On November 20, 2010 her outstanding performance led to her selection as the interim chief of the South Broward District and, ultimately, on February 23, 2011, she was sworn in as the chief of the South Broward District.

Over the years she has developed a reputation within the law enforcement community as being diligently committed to her profession.

Officer Anderson is the wife of Frederick Anderson, Sr. and loving mother of Frederick, Jr. I proudly acknowledge her achievement as the first female African American police chief of the Broward County Sheriff's Department and appreciate her tireless work for this community.

TRIBUTE TO GERALDYNE INEZ PIERCE ZIMMERMAN

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 4, 2011

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an educator, community leader, humanitarian and constituent on the occasion of her 100th birthday. Mrs. Geraldine Inez Pierce Zimmerman, is an institution at my alma mater, South Carolina State College (now University), a trailblazer in her hometown of Orangeburg, South Carolina, and she achieved the remarkable milestone of becoming a Centenarian on March 5, 2011.

Mrs. Zimmerman's character is described as being beautiful, caring, feisty, generous, humble, intelligent, kind, loving, sensitive, strong and witty. Her character has contributed to her success to make a significant impact on the lives of people in Orangeburg, South Carolina, the state of South Carolina and the United States of America.

Mrs. Zimmerman is the daughter of Hazel and James Pierce of 358 Treadwell Street, Orangeburg. She was born in her parents' home on March 5, 1911, and she still resides in the family home today.

Mrs. Zimmerman began her education at an early age by participating in a pre-school that her mother started in their home for the neighborhood children. When she was of school age, she attended the Claflin College's Grammar School in Orangeburg until the 8th Grade. She went on to attend the South Carolina State College's High School and graduated in 1928.

Education was extremely important to Mrs. Zimmerman despite the era in which she grew up and the limited opportunities available to African American women. After graduating from high school she attended Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee. She received a BS Degree in Mathematics in March of 1932.

Mrs. Zimmerman sought to share her love of learning and began her career as an educator in 1932 at Felton Academy back at South Carolina State College. In 1935, she took a job at Jefferson High School in York, South Carolina. Just three years later, she went home to Orangeburg to work as a substitute teacher and piano instructor.

Her love of learning never waned, and she returned to South Carolina State College and earned a Master's Degree in Mathematics in 1948. After completing her degree, she joined the faculty at SC State's Mathematics Department and continued in that position until her retirement in 1976.

Her community was very important to Mrs. Zimmerman, and she was extremely involved in growing and improving her hometown. She was a founding member of the "As You Like It" Bridge Club, the AKA Sorority Graduate Chapter, and the Links, Inc. Chapter in Orangeburg. She was one of the first members of St. Paul Episcopal Church, the first African American Episcopal church in Orangeburg, and she was a founding member of the church's Women's Club.

She was always committed to the education and enrichment of young people, so she established the first African American Boy Scouts Chapter and Girl Scouts Chapter in Orangeburg. She was a founding member of the Helen Wilkerson Sheffield Girls Club for high school girls and the Sarah B. Henderson Girls Club for college girls in Orangeburg.

In the community, Mrs. Zimmerman organized the Night Out Campaign Against Crime and she spearheaded the cleaning, restoration and registering of an Orangeburg African American cemetery that is now listed in the National Register of Historic Places. She is also the Founder of the Rosa Zimmerman Family Reunion.

Mrs. Zimmerman was a member of many significant boards and organizations in the Orangeburg area. Her memberships included Albemarle Chemical Plant Advisory Board; Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA) Sorority; Art Councils of Orangeburg; Church Community Ministries Organization; Girls Scouts of America; Links, Incorporated; NAACP; Orangeburg Downtown Revitalization; Red Cross of America; Salvation Army; Samaritan Homeless Shelter; St. Paul Episcopal Church and the United Way Foundation Grants Committee.

Her many honors and awards include four National Science Foundation Awards; Claflin University's Honorary Doctorate Humane Letters in 1992; Orangeburg Kiwanis Club Award in 1994; Orangeburg Citizen of the Year in 1994; Orangeburg City Council's Edisto Award in 1999; South Carolina Governor's Order of the Palmetto Award in 2000; Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition in 2003; South Carolina Hall of Fame induction in 2003; AKA Certificate of Appreciation for 75

years in 2007; Geraldine Zimmerman's Day by the Orangeburg City Council in 2008; and a Certificate of Appreciation from the SCSU Math Club for her years of service.

Due to her dedication to the advancement of young people, the Geraldine Zimmerman Youth Center was dedicated in 1963. In October 2010, her biography was published, "Ahead of Her Time in Yesteryear," which certainly captures the trailblazer Mrs. Zimmerman has been throughout her entire life.

Mrs. Zimmerman married the love of her life, her SC State College High School classmate, the late Dudley Malone Zimmerman, in Orangeburg in 1935. The couple had two children, D.M. Zimmerman, Jr. and Rose Hayzel Zimmerman Jones. She is the proud grandmother of four and the great-grandmother to one.

Mr. Speaker, I invite you and my distinguished colleagues to join me in honoring Geraldine Inez Pierce Zimmerman as she celebrates her 100th birthday. This occasion provides us an opportunity to honor the many contributions Mrs. Zimmerman has made during her extraordinary lifetime. She serves as a remarkable example of what an education and determination can accomplish. She is an inspiration to all that have been blessed to know her, and I count myself among those who have been fortunate to be touched by her gracious spirit.

RECOGNITION OF MAYOR JAMES
PHILLIPS AND MRS. JANET
PHILLIPS

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 4, 2011

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mayor James Phillips and Mrs. Janet Phillips for their immeasurable contributions to their community and the subsequent honor they have received from the Community YMCA. The Phillips are valuable members of my district and assets to their communities. I would like to congratulate them on being one of the impressive honorees at the Community YMCA Gala.

Mayor James Phillips has admirably served as the Mayor of Old Bridge for the past 8 years. He also serves as Middlesex County Treasurer. Prior to his tenure as Mayor, Mr.

Phillips previously served as New Jersey State Senator, Commissioner on the Old Bridge Board of Fire Commissioners, Old Bridge Municipal Authority, Middlesex County Economic Development Commission, and the Old Bridge Township Housing and Development Agency. Mayor Phillips has fervently worked with Middlesex County and Old Bridge Township to create the Middlesex County Old Bridge Waterfront Park and the John A. Phillips Open Space Preserve. James is also the founder of "Yes for Open Space," a non-profit organization that successfully aided the passage of the Middlesex County Open Space and Farmland Preservation Referendum.

Janet Phillips is a valued and dedicated member of the community. Mrs. Phillips is a Registered Nurse and serves as the Nurse Auditor for Managed Recourses, Inc. She touts many impressive years of clinical, auditing, performance improvement and managed care experience. Mrs. Phillips currently serves as secretary of the Kiwanis Club of Old Bridge and also serves as a member of the Raritan Bay Medical Center. Mrs. Phillips' community activities also include her participation as Chairwoman of the Old Bridge Township Recreation Committee and a Eucharistic Minister for the Most Holy Redeemer Church. Mrs. Phillips is highly commended for her service with the Old Bridge YMCA Steering and Fundraising Committee.

Mayor Phillips and Mrs. Phillips are strong believers in teamwork. Together, their mission is to unite their neighborhood by providing community service to strengthen families, develop leadership within the community's youth and to build international understanding. These actions have been demonstrated in part through their continued work with the Community YMCA. The Phillips family continues to demonstrate their strong support of youth, family values and community growth through their extra-curricular endeavors. They are admirable leaders in the community and are determined to make a difference. The Phillips family's unending generosity and charitable activities have undoubtedly touched many lives and have helped countless people throughout Central New Jersey.

Mr. Speaker, I would once more like to thank Mayor and Mrs. Phillips for their immeasurable contributions to my district and their communities and to again congratulate them for the honors they have received from the Community YMCA at this year's Gala.