

During such an unstable time in the Middle East, it is more important than ever that the United States and this Congress stand firmly behind Israel. From the recent unrest in Egypt and the collapse of the Lebanese government, to the threat of Iran, Hezbollah, Hamas, and many other anti-Israel terrorist groups, Israel is constantly facing new challenges to maintaining its sovereignty and security. We must show that we are dedicated to our alliance and fulfill the commitments that we have made. In a country where security is an elusive goal, Israel should be secure in knowing that the United States will deliver on its promises.

I believe it is well past time to revisit the Jerusalem Embassy Act and close, once and for all, the loophole that has continued to allow the diplomatic embarrassment of not having our Embassy located in the capital city of Israel to continue for ten years. That is why I, along with a number of bi-partisan co-sponsors, am reintroducing this bill which mandates the relocation of the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem, and reaffirms U.S. policy that Jerusalem must remain the undivided capital of Israel.

I strongly urge my colleagues to co-sponsor this important bill.

HONORING SARAH HEAD

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Sarah Head. Sarah is a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of the USA and earning the high honor of the Gold Award.

Sarah's outstanding achievement reflects her hard work and dedication. Sarah has exhibited unique and creative examples of service that have made a difference in her community. I am confident that she will continue to hold herself to the highest standards in the future. This is an accomplishment for which Sarah can take pride in for the rest of her life.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Sarah Head for her accomplishments with the Girl Scouts of the USA and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Award.

HONORING LENORE CROUDY

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the achievements of Lenore Croudy. A Birthday Tribute will be held on March 30th in Flint Michigan in her honor.

In addition to being a dear friend, Lenore Croudy is a tremendous asset to the Flint community. She was an educator for the Flint Community Schools for over 40 years. During that time she worked as a teacher, instructional specialist, assistant principal, assistant

dean, Director of the Reading, Language Arts and Humanities Department, and Steward for Resource and Information. Prior to her retirement she also served as President of the Congress of Flint School Administrators.

Lenore has also served as a member of the Mott Community College Board of Trustees for over 20 years. Re-elected to her 4th term in 2005, she has been the board chairperson since 1995. Recognized by her peers, Lenore has served on the National Board of Directors and as Central Region Chairperson for the Association of Community College Trustees. She is active with the YWCA of Flint, Center for the Visually Impaired, Salvation Army, Flint Rotary Club, Voluntary Action Center, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Boy Scouts of America Tall Pine Council, Hundred Club of Flint, and Flint Chapter of the NAACP. She is also the founder of the Youth Leadership Institute. In appreciation of her accomplishments, Lenore has received numerous awards including the Governor's Service Award in 2007—the George Romney Lifetime Achievement Award.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I ask the House of Representatives to join me in applauding Lenore Croudy. I have known Lenore for many years and she is always compassionate, focused, faithful, and dedicated to improving the lives of those around her. Her enthusiasm for serving others is contagious and I am proud to call her my "lifetime" friend. I wish her a happy birthday and many, many more.

STATEMENT APPLAUDING THE ABOLITION OF THE DEATH PENALTY IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the enactment of Illinois Senate Bill 3539, which abolishes the death penalty in Illinois. As a lifelong resident of Illinois, I want to thank Governor Quinn and each and every state legislator who courageously voted for this important bill.

I strongly oppose the death penalty because I have always believed that the government should never take a person's life as punishment for a crime. This is especially true in our judicial system which is wrought with inequity and unfairness that can lead to the conviction of innocent people. In fact, since 1977, 20 people sentenced to death in the state of Illinois were ultimately exonerated. This is a shameful record that troubles me deeply. Imagine if any of these persons were executed before evidence could be presented to prove their innocence.

The enactment of Senate Bill 3539 in Illinois is a tremendous step forward for justice. Already, Illinois had set an important example for the rest of the country, when in 2000, it placed a moratorium on the use of the death penalty. Today, with the stroke of his pen Governor Quinn has helped turn the tide against the use of capital punishment in America and I sincerely hope that other states will soon follow.

Mr. Speaker, the existence of the death penalty is not necessary to ensure that the

most heinous crimes go punished and I will continue to fight for a fair justice system that does not use death as a means of achieving justice.

INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RIGHTS OF ALL WORKERS AND CALLING FOR AN END TO THE RECENT ATTACKS ON WORKERS

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise, in advance of leading a special order this evening, to offer a resolution supporting the rights of all workers, including federal employees and other public employees, and calling for the end to attacks on their ability to organize and to collectively bargain. There are only a few salient rights recognized by every democracy, such as freedom of religion and freedom of speech, and on that list always appears the right for workers to organize in order to bargain collectively with an employer. It has long been recognized that individual workers have little, if any, bargaining power sitting alone with an employer who has hired or could hire her. When unions organize workers, the ground becomes more level and economic conditions decide the outcome.

Mr. Speaker, the American labor movement has been a major catalyst for the formation of a majority middle class in the United States by leading the way for improvements for all workers, which unions have gained through collective bargaining. I ask the House to join me in recognizing the American union movement and those who work in the public and private sectors.

HONORING ADRIEL BENNINGFIELD

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Adriel Benningfield. Adriel is a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of the USA and earning the high honor of the Gold Award.

Adriel's outstanding achievement reflects her hard work and dedication. Adriel has exhibited unique and creative examples of service that have made a difference in her community. I am confident that she will continue to hold herself to the highest standards in the future. This is an accomplishment for which Adriel can take pride in for the rest of her life.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Adriel Benningfield for her accomplishments with the Girl Scouts of the USA and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Award.

NEWSPAPERS WIN LAP DOG
AWARD FOR BIASED COLUMNS

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, The New York Times, Los Angeles Times, and the Washington Post are the winners of this week's Media Fairness Caucus "Lap Dog Award" for biased news coverage.

Most of the regular columns in these newspapers have a left-wing bias. Combined, they feature a total of 19 columnists who show a liberal perspective in their articles and only four who regularly offer conservative views. That's a ratio of almost five to one, liberal to conservative.

It's no surprise that the great majority of Americans say the media are too liberal rather than too conservative, according to a recent Gallup public opinion poll.

Columnists certainly are entitled to their opinions, but I hope the national media will look for opportunities to give Americans more balanced commentaries.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHRISSY
YOUNG OF CLYMER, PENNSYLVANIA

HON. MARK S. CRITZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Mr. CRITZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a special young woman who has done a great deed for our servicemen and women. The actions of Chrissy Young of Clymer, Pennsylvania, truly embody what it means to honor those that serve.

On September 2, 2010, Ms. Young experienced an angst that the family members of our brave uniformed men and women dread to bear. She received the call that her high school sweetheart, Lance Corporal Joshua T. Twigg, had lost his life while conducting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan.

While Chrissy suffered a great loss, she did not recluse herself from the world. Instead, she decided to organize a care package drive to deliver essentials to her fallen hero's unit, the Marine's 2nd Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment. By leveraging resources from area churches, schools, businesses, and individuals, she was able to send almost 300 care packages to the Marine unit on Veterans Day 2010. It is efforts like these that convey to our service members that there are Americans who care about you, who miss you, and who are thankful for the job that you are doing to protect our freedoms and to keep our Nation safe.

This past February, Chrissy had to bear the brunt of Lance Corporal Twigg's unit returning home without him or the fourteen other Marines who lost their lives in Afghanistan. While he did not return with his unit that day, Chrissy could stand proud knowing that he had served his country bravely and that her act of kindness had deeply touched this Marine unit.

In referring to the dedication someone must possess to serve in the military, Chrissy wrote,

"it takes a person of character, a person who knows what they have, is thankful for what they have, and is willing to give whatever it takes to preserve those freedoms for all of us."

Mr. Speaker, although she may not be in the military, Chrissy exemplifies the person of character, valor, and dedication that she so eloquently spoke of. Once again, I would like to honor Chrissy Young for her actions and selfless efforts.

FLAKE AMENDMENT No. 370 TO
H.R. 1

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, due to a voting error that I was unaware of at the time, my vote on the Flake amendment, No. 370 to H.R. 1 (to reduce funding by \$18,750,000 for unneeded boards and commissions) was recorded incorrectly. Please let the RECORD show that I support this amendment.

HONORING ANN CAMPBELL

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Ann Campbell. Ann is a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of the USA and earning the high honor of the Gold Award.

Ann's outstanding achievement reflects her hard work and dedication. Ann has exhibited unique and creative examples of service that have made a difference in her community. I am confident that she will continue to hold herself to the highest standards in the future. This is an accomplishment for which Ann can take pride in for the rest of her life.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Ann Campbell for her accomplishments with the Girl Scouts of the USA and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Award.

THANK YOU FOR THE TIME YOU
GAVE

HON. JOHN SULLIVAN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to submit for the RECORD a poem written by Kaprise Anuu, a 5th grader from Tulsa, Oklahoma, that was written for her Veteran's Day celebration at Wesley V. Jarman Elementary School. It is entitled, "Thank You For The Time You Gave."

Thank you for the time you gave
I wish I were just that . . . very brave
You fought for all the country
You even fought for liberty

Before you thought of yourself
You thought of me
You thought of me so I'd be free
Thank you for the time you gave
You thought of me night and day
I always pray you'll be okay
Thank you for the time you gave.

I commend the patriotism of Kaprise. It is wonderful that young people like her express such gratitude and appreciation for those men and women who put their lives on the line to protect the freedoms we cherish in America.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF
DONALD "DON" A. JACKSON

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Donald "Don" A. Jackson, who recently stepped down as Chairman of the Kenneth L. Maddy Institute at California State University, Fresno. As Maddy Institute Chair, Mr. Jackson was committed to ensuring the strength of the Maddy Institute since its inception in 2000.

Don attended the University of Arizona where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1959. He then went on to Stanford University and received his Juris Doctorate degree in 1962. While attending Stanford University, he earned class honors in Corporate Finance and was selected to be a member of the Stanford Law Review. In 1962, he was admitted to the bar in the State of California. Don is a member of the Bond Lawyers Association and is listed as a Bond Attorney in the Bond Buyer's Directory.

Outside of Don's professional career as an attorney, he has been an active member in the community of Fresno for over 40 years. He has served on several state boards and agencies including the Public Employee Relations Board, the Senate Cost Control Commission, and the Bureau of Repair Services. Don has also been an active member with the St. Agnes Medical Center Foundation Board, the Central California Women's Conference, the Fresno Redevelopment Agency Board, and Rotary Club of Fresno.

Don was a confidant and "very, very close friend," according to the late California State Senator Kenneth L. Maddy. Senator Maddy credited his own success during his 1978 political campaign to Don Jackson, describing Don as a "key strategist." After Senator Maddy passed away, Don was instrumental in establishing the Maddy Institute at Fresno State. Under Don's leadership, the Maddy Institute created scholarships for over 150 Federal and State legislative interns, in addition to raising over \$1 million for grants, events, and programs. During Don's tenure, the institute has also successfully established an outreach program through radio, television, the Internet, and its public affairs seminar series. The Costa Scholars Internship in Washington, DC is a program Don helped me bring to fruition. Since 2005, we have created an opportunity for students from Fresno State to spend an entire semester interning in San Joaquin Valley congressional offices.

Having worked closely with Don Jackson and the Maddy Institute during my years in the California State Senate and now as a Member of Congress, I know firsthand of Don's outstanding abilities. The dedicated effort he has