

In recent years, under the direction of Iain Webb, The Sarasota Ballet has achieved national and international recognition with critical acclaim from the New York and European press. In October of this year, the Company will be performing at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

The Sarasota Ballet has made a significant contribution to the arts community for which Sarasota is famous.

I join my constituents in celebration of The Sarasota Ballet's 20th Anniversary.

INTRODUCING THE SANCTITY OF LIFE

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 15, 2011

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today the Sanctity of Life Act. This legislation provides that the federal courts of the United States, up to and including the Supreme Court, do not have jurisdiction to hear abortion-related cases. Since the Supreme Court invented a "right" to abortion in *Roe v. Wade*, federal judges have repeatedly thwarted efforts by democratically elected officials at the state and local level to protect the unborn.

However, the federal courts have no legitimate authority to tell states and local communities what restrictions can and cannot be placed on abortion. Even some intellectually honest supporters of legalized abortion acknowledge that *Roe v. Wade* was incorrectly decided. Congress must use the authority granted to it in Article 3, Section 1 of the Constitution to rein in rogue federal judges from interfering with a state's ability to protect unborn life.

Mr. Speaker, it is my hope that my colleagues will join me in support of using the power granted to the Congress by the Constitution to protect the ability of individual states and the people to restore respect for the sanctity of human life.

NOE GODINES

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 15, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Noe Godines for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Noe Godines is a 12th grader at Arvada High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Noe Godines is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Noe Godines for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

HONORING FRANK WOODRUFF BUCKLES

HON. ROBERT T. SCHILLING

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 15, 2011

Mr. SCHILLING. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to express honor and respect for Frank Woodruff Buckles. Frank was born on February 1st, 1901, and recently passed away on February 27, 2011 as the last of 4.7 million Americans who served in World War I. I rise today to memorialize and honor his amazing life.

Eager to serve his country, Mr. Buckles enlisted in the Army at the age of 16. Even though he was not old enough to serve in the military, Frank found a way. When asked for his birth certificate, Frank told the Army recruitment officer, "...the public records were not made of births in Missouri at the time I was born, and my record would be in the family Bible." He was subsequently deployed to Europe in 1917 and returned home in 1921 to begin his career.

During WWII Frank worked in Manila. After the Japanese invaded the Philippines in 1941, Frank spent three-and-a-half years in a Japanese prison camp before being rescued in 1945.

Frank was a true patriot, and made it a priority to contribute to the success of the country he loved. He lived a long and accomplished life, and it is very important to commemorate the conclusion of this generation of American soldiers. As Frank Buckles is laid to rest today at Arlington National Cemetery, with full military honors, let us pause and reflect on the sacrifices of his generation.

SAUL DELGADO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 15, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Saul Delgado for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Saul Delgado is an 11th grader at Jefferson Senior High and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Saul Delgado is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Saul Delgado for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

INTRODUCTION OF THE SOCIAL WORK REINVESTMENT ACT TO COMMEMORATE WORLD SOCIAL WORK DAY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 15, 2011

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, today we celebrate World Social Work Day, a day when the international social work and social welfare communities celebrate the profession's contributions to society. The 2011 theme is, "Social Work Voices Responding to Global Crises: Together We Develop the Agenda." This event, which occurs on the third Tuesday in March, is even more relevant this year as the United States and the international communities have faced significant economic, social, and political challenges.

Social work is the helping profession and social workers across the globe help people to address challenges in their lives, guide them to critical resources, counsel them on important life decisions, and help them reach their full potential. Social workers are a part of society's safety net. These highly trained professionals work with our most vulnerable individuals in communities across the country. Without the help of these professionals, many individuals would not have a voice.

It is for this reason that I am re-introducing the Dorothy I. Height and Whitney M. Young Social Work Reinvestment Act. Today we stand before pivotal crossroads. With crises in Japan, the Middle East, and the lingering effects on our economy of foreclosures and unemployment, social workers continue to assist those most in need.

Yet, as I stand before you today, our nation's social workers face daunting challenges. These challenges compromise the ability of the many dedicated professionals to provide their clients with unparalleled service and care. Many future social workers have opted to leave the field rather than endure the competing policy priorities, fiscal constraints, safety concerns, significant educational debt, and comparatively low salary that await them upon graduation.

The Dorothy I. Height and Whitney M. Young, Jr. Social Work Reinvestment Act is designed to address these challenges to the social work profession, thereby helping to ensure that millions of individuals and families throughout the nation can continue to receive necessary social work services. This legislation creates the foundation for a professional workforce to meet the ever-increasing demand for the essential services that social workers provide.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill, as it is one step towards a stronger workforce in these challenging times.

INTRODUCING THE LIBERTY AMENDMENT

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 15, 2011

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to introduce the Liberty Amendment, which repeals

the 16th Amendment, thus paving the way for real change in the way government collects and spends the people's hard-earned money. The Liberty Amendment also explicitly forbids the Federal Government from performing any action not explicitly authorized by the U.S. Constitution.

The 16th Amendment gives the Federal Government a direct claim on the lives of American citizens by enabling Congress to levy a direct income tax on individuals. Until the passage of the 16th Amendment, the Supreme Court had consistently held that Congress had no power to impose an income tax.

Income taxes are responsible for the transformation of the Federal Government from one of limited powers into a vast leviathan whose tentacles reach into almost every aspect of American life. Thanks to the income tax, today the Federal Government routinely invades our privacy, and penalizes our every endeavor.

The Founding Fathers realized that "the power to tax is the power to destroy," which is why they did not give the Federal Government the power to impose an income tax. Needless to say, the Founders would be horrified to know that Americans today give more than a third of their income to the Federal Government.

Income taxes not only diminish liberty, they retard economic growth by discouraging work and production. Our current tax system also forces Americans to waste valuable time and money on complacency with an ever-more complex tax code. The increased interest in flat-tax and national sales tax proposals, as well as the increasing number of small businesses that questioning the Internal Revenue Service's (IRS) "withholding" system provides further proof that America is tired of the labyrinthine tax code. Americans are also increasingly fed up with an IRS that continues to ride roughshod over their civil liberties, despite recent "pro-taxpayer" reforms.

Mr. Speaker, America survived and prospered for 140 years without an income tax, and with a Federal Government that generally adhered to strictly constitutional functions, operating with modest excise revenues. The income tax opened the door to the era (and errors) of Big Government. I hope my colleagues will help close that door by cosponsoring the Liberty Amendment.

INTRODUCTION OF THE STARTUP VISA ACT OF 2011

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 15, 2011

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a new version of the StartUp Visa Act, a bill that would encourage innovation and economic growth by permitting immigrant entrepreneurs greater access to temporary U.S. visas. The bill matches legislation introduced this week by Senators JOHN KERRY, RICHARD LUGAR, and MARK UDALL in the Senate.

What do American household names such as Google, eBay and Proctor & Gamble have in common? They are all former start-ups founded by immigrants.

Our current visa laws have made it unnecessarily difficult for immigrants to launch new

companies in the United States. I am reintroducing the StartUp Visa Act because the economic dynamism of foreign-born talent has always been a crucial factor in our country's growth, and we must take steps to enable it to continue. By allowing immigrant entrepreneurs greater access to American visas, we truly can drive American job creation and channel the power of innovation.

This legislation would be an expansion of the bill from last Congress, extending the pool of eligible immigrants to include holders of H-1B visas and entrepreneurs living outside the United States with a market presence in the country.

The entrepreneurial spirit is ingrained in our country's history and success. I believe that this legislation is a vital component of promoting our global competitiveness. We must ensure a strong foundation for foreign-born, highly-skilled talent to create American jobs and promote economic prosperity and this bill works toward that end.

PATRICK RATNECHT

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 15, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Patrick Ratnecht for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Patrick Ratnecht is a 12th grader at Arvada West High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Patrick Ratnecht is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Patrick Ratnecht for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

FRANK WOODRUFF BUCKLES, OUR NATION'S OLDEST SURVIVING WORLD WAR I VETERAN

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 15, 2011

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Frank Woodruff Buckles, a fellow West Virginian and our Nation's oldest surviving World War I veteran, who was buried today at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors.

When asked to explain his long life, Frank Buckles answered, "Hope." All of America's veterans hope that their service will not have been in vain. They hope that their service leads to a better future for our Nation and the world. And they hope that the freedoms secured through their sacrifices will live long past their days with us on this Earth.

We honor our veterans and their dedication to duty and selfless sacrifice. Nourishing the memory of their contributions feeds our own generation of hope.

Today, our Nation honors the mortal remains of Frank Buckles and memorializes a generation of Americans, whose common purpose, whose lasting hope, was so nobly advanced by their last comrade.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. ROBERT CALPIN

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 15, 2011

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Mr. Robert Calpin, this year's recipient of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick's Lifetime Achievement Award.

Mr. Calpin was born in Minooka, PA. He graduated from Scranton Central High School and the University of Scranton. Robert has held positions at GEICO Insurance Company, RCA Picture Tubes, Karibe, Inc. He is currently employed at the Pennsylvania Department of Welfare in Wilkes-Barre, PA in the Nursing Home Division. Robert now resides in Pittston with his wife. They have three children and one grandchild.

A member, past President, and current Membership Chairman of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, Mr. Calpin currently serves as an officer of President John F. Kennedy Council #372 Knights of Columbus and its Fourth Degree. Robert is also a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Wolf Tone Division, the Minooka Notre Dame Club, the Scranton Area Organized Runners, and the PIAA.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Calpin has been an active member of our community. He continues to go above and beyond to serve our area. Mr. Speaker, today, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Robert Calpin on receiving this year's Friendly Sons of St. Patrick's Lifetime Achievement Award.

PROVIDE SAN DIEGO WITH WATER

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 15, 2011

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I have introduced H.R. 917, the South San Diego County Water Reclamation Project of 2011, to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation's participation in Phase I of the South San Diego County Water Reclamation Project.

Southern California must reduce dependence on water that is imported from outside the region. The South San Diego County Water Reclamation Project is a comprehensive and coordinated approach by public water agencies to address this need by sustainably using groundwater resources through desalination of brackish water, and recycling of wastewater for non-potable uses.

When fully implemented, the Project will reduce dependence on imported water by approximately 18,600 acre-feet (or 4 billion gallons) per year, enough to provide service to about 37,000 households. This will minimize