

Today, I want to recognize not only the service and sacrifices these brave Marines have given to our country, but their unfailing dedication to the betterment of the Omaha community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KURT SCHRADER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. SCHRADER. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, April 7, 2011, I voted to support final passage of H.R. 1363 in error. I do not support the policies or funding levels contained within this piece of legislation, and request that the record reflect my opposition.

DISTINGUISHED HOOSIER TOM ANDERSON

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to stand before you and my colleagues today to recognize Tom Anderson. Governor Mitch Daniels recently named Tom a Distinguished Hoosier, an annual award given to Indiana residents who have excelled in their chosen fields. Tom was selected to receive this high honor due to his many years of exceptional work with Save the Dunes Council. For his outstanding efforts, Tom will be presented with this award on Saturday, April 9, 2011, at Barker House in Michigan City, Indiana.

Save the Dunes Council was founded in 1952 with the mission to preserve, protect, and restore the Indiana Dunes and all natural resources in Northwest Indiana's Lake Michigan Watershed for an enhanced quality of life. It is one of the most knowledgeable, involved, and valued organizations in Northwest Indiana and beyond. The members of this respected organization continue to devote their time and unrelenting efforts to serve their community through the preservation of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. Tom Anderson has demonstrated an enduring dedication to this organization and its ideals and for his lifelong commitment he is worthy of the highest praise.

From 1992 through 2010, Tom acted as the Executive Director of Save the Dunes Council. A major focus of Save the Dunes Council is to protect the Indiana Dunes through advocacy, education, and lobbying. During his career with Save the Dunes Council, Tom lobbied tirelessly for land protection and resources to fulfill the organization's mission of protecting and restoring natural resources within the Lake Michigan Basin. From 1994 through 2010, Tom acted as the Executive Director of the Save the Dunes Conservation Fund. The Fund protects natural resources through land protection, restoration, watershed implementations, and education. Impressively, Tom helped to increase the Fund's budget from less than \$80,000 in 2005 to over \$1 million by 2009. Presently, Tom continues his efforts with Save the Dunes Council as a member of the Save the Dunes Conservation Fund Land

Committee. Tom's undying dedication to conservation has led to him to found Conservation Connections, LLC, a company that strives to implement community-based conservation solutions.

Tom's dedication to the environment, conservation, and his career is exceeded only by his devotion to his amazing family. He is happily married to attorney Joan Wiseman Anderson, and is the proud stepfather of four children who, following his inspirational example, all have become involved with conservation, public service, and resource protection. Tom and Joan have five grandchildren and reside in Michigan City.

Mr. Speaker, Tom Anderson has selflessly dedicated his time and effort to serve his community though his work with Save the Dunes Council. His passionate commitment to improving the quality of life for countless individuals is truly inspirational, and he is deserving of the high honor which has been bestowed upon him. I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending Tom Anderson on being recognized as a Distinguished Hoosier.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO SERGEANT EDDIE RYAN

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Sergeant Edward (Eddie) Ryan, on the occasion of his retirement from the United States Marine Corps. Sergeant Ryan is an American hero. Eddie, as I have come to know him, personifies the core principles of the Marine Corps—honor, integrity and courage in the face of adversity. In fact, Sergeant Ryan has more courage than I can express through words.

Eddie Ryan started thinking about being a Marine when he was twelve years old. After the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, while he was still a senior in high school, his desire to be a Marine became the driving force in his life. Eddie joined the Marines immediately after graduating high school in June 2002. Within a month, he was undergoing basic training, and by September he had begun his first tour of duty in Iraq. After his first tour ended, Eddie came home and began training to be a Marine sniper. He went on to graduate third in his class and soon became a member of Reaper 6, a team of snipers assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Division. In March 2005, Eddie began his second deployment to Iraq and, only weeks after arriving in that country, tragedy struck. On April 13, 2005, while positioned on a rooftop in Husaybah, the team came under heavy fire. Sergeant Ryan was struck by two rounds and gravely wounded. His fellow Marines rushed to his side and performed life saving first aid.

When the Ryan family was notified of their son's life threatening injuries, they flew to his side in Germany only to be told that it would be a miracle if Eddie survived, let alone talk or remember his family. Eddie proved them all wrong. He not only enjoys his memories but looks forward to creating new ones. He embraces new challenges, like "running" the Marine Corps Marathon, with anticipation. Angela

Ryan calls her son the "Miracle Marine" and we all understand why. Eddie not only survived, but for the last five years has worked with determination to be the best he could be—a decorated Marine who still understands honor and integrity; a Marine who has faced adversity and come out a winner.

Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to recognize the outstanding achievements of Sergeant Eddie Ryan. His courage and determination are an inspiration to us all. The Marine Corps was fortunate to have him among their ranks and we are fortunate to have him in our community. Semper Fi Sergeant Ryan, Semper Fi.

A TRIBUTE TO LESLIE LEWIS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay honor and tribute to Leslie Lewis, who has been a resident of Brooklyn since 1982 and has served as the President of the 84th Precinct Community Council for nearly two decades.

Mr. Lewis's current duties are to serve as a liaison between his local NYPD Precinct and the Brooklyn community. Every day, Leslie Lewis works tirelessly to communicate the concerns and complaints of my constituents to the district attorney's office and the police. Without his efforts, the people of my district would lack a critical element in the fight against crime and for a better quality of life.

In addition to his recent work in Brooklyn, Mr. Lewis played a behind the scenes role in one of the most iconic events of the Cold War. In the 1950s and 1960s, drawing on his experience in the exposition business, Leslie Lewis set up the famous U.S.-Soviet cultural exchange programs with the assistance of the U.S. Information Agency. This project included the famous "Kitchen Debate" between Richard Nixon and Nikita Khrushchev inside a model of a "typical" American kitchen.

Leslie Lewis is also responsible for the concept of "Job Power," developed as a way to bring employers and urban minorities together. His plan was pitched to the Department of Labor, and he received the thanks of President Nixon for his ideas. Mr. Lewis's concept evolved into the modern day job fair, a now commonly used method to bring job seekers and employers together.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Leslie Lewis for his extraordinary accomplishments and his commitment.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Leslie Lewis.

IN HONOR OF RIDGE FIRE COMPANY'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ridge Fire Company on its 75th anniversary of selfless dedication and commitment to its community.

This is a great milestone and a considerable accomplishment and I take great pleasure in being able to honor the men and women of the Ridge Fire Company for their dedication and outstanding service.

For 75 years the officers, firefighters, and fire police of Ridge Fire Company have proudly and capably served and protected the thousands of citizens of northern Chester County, including the Townships of East Coventry, South Coventry, East Vincent, Warwick and West Vincent. They have always answered the call to help their neighbors in distress, whether it is putting out a fire, aiding those whose homes have flooded, or rescuing animals.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing Ridge Fire Company on its 75th anniversary and to honor this exemplary organization for its commitment, dedication, and outstanding history of service to its community.

IN HONOR OF COLONEL DALE
ANDERSON

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I stand today in honor of retired U.S. Air Force Colonel Dale Anderson, for his multi-faceted combat tour during WWII and his ongoing dedication to the development of aircraft in the decades that followed.

Mr. Anderson spent the early part of WWII as a test pilot. In 1944, he was deployed to England with, and operated tactically, the first squadron of B-17 aircraft that were developed specifically for use against German V-1 and V-2 rocket launching sites in Normandy. Mr. Anderson personally trained all flight crews of the Eighth Air Force. In 1945, he was assigned to the 99th Bomb Group in Italy, serving as Commander of the 346th Squadron and later as Deputy Group Commander. All told, Mr. Anderson has flown near 40 missions and served to advance the technology that protects our nation and pilots to this day.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Dale Anderson for his valiant service and dedication to advancing aeronautical technology. Lastly, it is no small feat that in addition to his life of service, Mr. Anderson will turn 101 in November, and is still flying!

ENERGY TAX PREVENTION ACT OF
2011

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 910) to amend the Clean Air Act to prohibit the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from promulgating any regulation concerning, taking action relating to, or taking into consideration the emission of a greenhouse gas to address climate change, and for other purposes:

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Chair, I rise today to discuss my unwavering support for legislation this body considered on this week, and passed by large margin yesterday on this floor. Unfortunately I was detained during the final passage vote for H.R. 910, and was unable to record my support for this legislation. I wish to do so now.

For the last two years, Lisa Jackson's Environmental Protection Agency, EPA, has waged a war on the state of Texas that is destroying jobs and hampering economic growth. Texas was one of the last states hit by the recession in 2008, in large part due to its robust energy industry, with thousands of jobs connected to oil and gas exploration and production. Since taking office in 2009, President Obama has made it clear that he will do everything he can to interfere with any state using its own initiative to grow the economy and create jobs. In Mr. Obama's America, only the federal government can create jobs. We know this to be a failed experiment, yet he is still intent on doing all he can to continue to hamper the efforts of Texans to create jobs and grow the economy.

From the "flex-permitting" plan that Texas' Council on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has had implemented for over two decades, to greenhouse gas permitting, which will destroy industry all over the state and the country, the EPA is holding up permits and stifling growth at every turn.

For these reasons, and many others, I wholeheartedly support H.R. 910. I was a co-sponsor of this legislation from the very beginning. Twice during its consideration in the House Energy & Commerce Committee, I voiced my support, and was pleased to vote to pass it out of committee and have it considered on the House floor.

I regret circumstances detained me from the vote on final passage yesterday evening. I hope, however, there is no doubt that, had I been able to be present during the vote, I would have voted in the affirmative, and continue to support his legislation without reservation.

RECOGNIZING THE 2010-2011 CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR 500 HOURS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY—MITCHELL POWELL

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. SAM JOHNSON. of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure and privilege to inform the Members of the United States House of Representatives that the students of the 2010-2011 Congressional Youth Advisory Council, CYAC, from the Third District of Texas have completed a total of 500 community service hours, fulfilling and far surpassing the requirements of their assigned CYAC in the Community service project.

This year 46 students from public, private, and home schools in grades 10 through 12 made their voices heard by joining CYAC. As the Third District's young ambassadors to Congress, these bright high school students met with me on a quarterly basis to discuss current events and public policy. These im-

pressive young people recognize an important truth: the heart of public service is found when giving back to the community. CYAC students volunteered their time and talents with over 30 organizations including Adopt-A-Highway, Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels, Teen Court, and the USO, to name a few. As one student shared, "CYAC in the Community has allowed me to realize my calling to serve those in the U.S. Armed Forces." I am beyond thrilled that CYAC has helped students unleash their full potential and chase their dreams.

President George H.W. Bush once said, "A volunteer is a person who can see what others cannot see; who can feel what most do not feel. Often, such gifted persons do not think of themselves as volunteers, but as citizens—citizens in the fullest sense: partners in civilization."

With this statement as a benchmark, I am proud to congratulate the members of the 2010-2011 Congressional Youth Advisory Council for showing themselves to be outstanding young citizens of this nation. It is my privilege to submit summaries of their work to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to be preserved for posterity and antiquity. To these young public servants, thank you, and keep up the great work! I salute you!

A copy of each submitted student summary follows:

For my CYAC project, I volunteered at two places around my TAMS community: the TAMS Tournament and Calhoun Middle School. Through my volunteering for TAMS Tournament, I learned a great deal about the level of responsibility and coordination that is required to run a large event. I donated 9 hours of time to proctor, run, grade, and guide at the event. I met many new people from across the state, and proudly represented my community. Through my volunteering experience at Calhoun Middle School, I learned a great deal about people who do not live under such fortunate circumstances as I have been blessed with. I got the opportunity to meet and work with children who come from rougher areas, and to help these children grow and provide a good example for their future. I also got to give the teachers at Calhoun a hand in their administrative activities. I learned to appreciate my own economical safety, and the lifestyle that that safety implies. These volunteering experiences have helped me become a more active and aware member of my community. I found them both instructive and thoroughly enjoyable.

—Mitchell Powell

INTRODUCTION OF FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE ENHANCEMENT ACT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, at a time when the American people are asking Congress to help create more jobs, it is equally important to put in place policies that create a positive workplace environment. That is why today I am introducing the Family Medical Leave Enhancement Act.

Eighteen years ago, President Clinton signed into law the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA, P.L. 103-3), legislation that allows employees to take time off from work to care