

the Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire Department. Their efforts, made on behalf of the citizens of Fairfax County, are selfless acts of heroism and truly merit our highest praise. I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding these remarkable individuals and saying to them, "Stay safe."

TRIBUTE TO MR. SERGIO SHEARER

HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, on April 4, 2011, San Antonio lost a great public servant when Sergio Shearer passed away at the age of 71. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Sergio Shearer as we celebrate his life, which was highlighted by decades of community service, philanthropy, and leadership.

Sergio Shearer was born on December 4, 1939 to Chita Shearer in Weslaco, Texas. He later married Lucinda S. Leyva and fathered three children, Andrea Rhea Shearer-Lee, Michael Leyva Shearer, and Kara Kristine Shearer.

He graduated from North Texas University with a degree in Psychology, while simultaneously attending cosmetology school in Ft. Worth, Texas. After serving in the United States Army, Sergio opened a successful and prestigious salon in McAllen, Texas which he operated for over 13 years. In 1976, the Shearer family purchased the Magic Valley College in San Juan, Texas. Through his tireless efforts, Sergio expanded Magic Valley College to become the University of Cosmetology Arts and Science. As a result of Sergio's direction and dedication to educating others, he created five campuses in the Rio Grande Valley and San Antonio, Texas. His efforts have touched the lives of many.

As a leader in the cosmetology industry, Sergio was appointed by Governor Ann Richards to the Texas Cosmetology Commission. He also served as the Vice President of the National Association of Cosmetology Schools, Director of the Texas Association of Cosmetology Schools, and Regional Director of the Interstate Council of State Boards. In 1989, he was inducted into the Pivot Hall of Fame.

In addition to his dedication to the cosmetology industry, Sergio was committed to serving his community. He served as the Chairman of the Edinburg Housing Authority, Board Member of the Hidalgo County Special Olympics, Honorary Member of the Confederate Air Force and as a member of the Order of the Alhambra. Sergio was also an active member of the Knights of Columbus, where he achieved the rank of 4th Degree Knight. Following the loss of his daughter, Kara Kristine Shearer, Sergio cofounded the Kara Shearer Learning Center, which partners with the Edinburg Housing Authority to serve underprivileged children.

Upon his retirement, Sergio moved to the San Antonio area to be closer to his family. A lifelong fisherman, hunter, and accomplished golfer, Sergio was always happiest when he was outdoors.

The City of San Antonio and the State of Texas feel a little emptier now, but we have all lived richer, better lives because of the life of Sergio Shearer. His life may have ended, but

his contributions will live on and generations shall enjoy the fruits of his labor.

JESSICA CAMOMILE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

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

The dedication demonstrated by Jessica Camomile 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 Jessica Camomile for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

U.S.-KOREA FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, last month I had the privilege of visiting the Republic of Korea through their Congressional Member Exchange Program, where I was honored to have a one-on-one meeting with Foreign Minister Kim Sung-hwan so that we could discuss our two countries' mutual interests and bilateral relations.

In addition, I was able to meet with Trade Minister Kim Jong-hoon and a number of members of the National Assembly, as well as to travel to Anyang, which is just south of Seoul. Anyang is a sister city of Garden Grove, one of the larger communities in California's 47th congressional district and the home to many Americans of Korean descent and recent immigrants from Korea.

As co-chair of the Congressional Caucus on Korea, I make a point of paying close attention to the issues that affect U.S.-Korean relations, so making a five-day visit to our ally was productive and informative. I was impressed by how much average Korean citizens know about the United States and how much they care about the continued resilience of the decades-old friendship between our two countries.

If nothing else, I came away more convinced than ever of the importance of ratifying the U.S.-Korea Free Trade Agreement at the earliest opportunity possible. I saw how businesses and consumers in both Korea and the United States will benefit by implementation of the agreement, and it became quite clear that this will take us a long way toward President Obama's goal of doubling U.S. exports by 2014.

What's more, I could see how increasing the already booming trade between the United States and South Korea will enhance our security relationship and improve the stability of the Korean Peninsula and, indeed, of the entire Northeast Asian region.

In the months since the United States and Korea signed their revised and updated Free Trade Agreement last December, the Korean government has approved a similar trade pact with the European Union, which is scheduled to take effect on the first day of July this year. Korea is also negotiating a free trade treaty with Australia, and it already has a volume of trade with China of approximately \$200 billion per year.

I realize there are some who argue that this agreement should be passed as part of a package, along with pending agreements with Colombia and Panama. These arguments may have some merit, but they do not persuade me that delaying the Korea-U.S. FTA is a good idea.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to encourage my colleagues to move as quickly as possible to ratify the Korea-U.S. Free Trade Agreement as soon as it comes before us for consideration.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND FURTHER ADDITIONAL CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 7, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 1363, the "Department of Defense and Further Additional Continuing Appropriations Act of 2011," a damaging deflection, even as negotiations are ongoing to prevent a government shutdown. H.R. 1363 would reduce funding for the Department of Homeland Security operations by \$1.4 billion. The cuts are far from surgical in nature and diminish the Department's flexibility to respond and recover from known and unknown threats.

Specifically, H.R. 1363 undermines homeland security as follows:

The bill cuts FEMA first responder grants by 20%. This draconian cut will force cash-strapped State, local and tribal governments to roll back critical preparedness activities and is a slap in the face to the men and women who serve and protect.

It cuts funding for next generation border security technology by 28%. This will surely set back efforts at achieving operational control of the Southwest border.

It cuts \$57 million in funding for Transportation Security Administration's terrorist watchlist activities. This cut will force TSA to scramble to find the money to undertake this critical screening activity.

It cuts the Science and Technology Directorate operations by \$173 million. This cut will most certainly result in significant delays in the development of new and promising homeland security technologies.

Rather than slashing the DHS budget to grand-stand or score political points, we should be dedicating new resources to:

Bolster border security by retaining CBP officers, providing technologies and equipment to front-line officials, and upgrading deteriorating infrastructure at ports of entry;

Expand maritime security by the furthering of the Coast Guard's recapitalization initiative to replace its aging fleet;

Enhance cybersecurity by investing and deploying cyber systems to protect critical cyber infrastructure from all cyber threats.

Strengthen aviation security by making enhancements in the vetting of foreign travelers air-bound for our country, a known threat since well before the Christmas Day plot of 2009.

Playing fast and loose with homeland security is not the way to put our Nation's fiscal house in order. The Republican draconian approach to budgeting will add insult to injury to the Department of Homeland Security that has already struggled for six months without its budget. I urge my colleagues to join me in voting against this damaging deflection of a bill.

JERIT GREENBURG

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jerit Greenburg for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Jerit Greenburg is a 8th grader at Moore Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jerit Greenburg 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 Jerit Greenburg 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 DR. HENRY LEWIS III

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker. I rise today in support of the groundbreaking achievements of Dr. Henry Lewis III, the twelfth president of Florida Memorial University. Florida Memorial University is South Florida's only Historically Black College and University (HBCU) and the third oldest institution of higher learning in the state of Florida. He has served as Dean and Professor in the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at Florida A&M. University (FAMU) for the last 15 years. Dr. Lewis served as Interim President of FAMU from January through June 2002. He also served as Dean of the Texas Southern University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences for four years.

A native of Tallahassee, Florida, he received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Pharmacy from FAMU and his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Mercer University. He completed post-doctoral training in the Institute for Education Management at Harvard University, the National Institutes of Health, the Congressional Operations Institute, the American Association of State Colleges and Universities Millennium Presidential Leadership Program and Duke University Directors Program.

President Lewis is an inspiration to many creating history wherever he goes. Dr. Lewis is past president of the Minority Health Professions Foundation. He is also past president of the Foundation's sister agency, the Association of Minority Health Professions Schools. Under his leadership, these two organizations—representing all of the nations historically black medical, dental, pharmaceutical, and veterinary medical programs—have secured over \$100 million in support of programs, research and activities that improve the quality of education and the availability of health, care to minority and under-served communities. He has served as president of the National Pharmaceutical Association representing more than 10,000 minority pharmacists in the United States. He is the former Chairman of the Board of the Florida Education Fund, the nation's largest producer of African-American PhDs.

An accomplished biomedical researcher with a focus on sickle cell anemia, Dr. Lewis has been the principal investigator or project director on research/training grants totaling over \$95 million. He has served on numerous governmental review committees. He currently serves on the National Center for Research Resources National Advisory Board. He has increased the endowment of the FAMU College of Pharmacy from \$1 million to over \$22 million under his leadership.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in celebrating the transformative work of Dr. Henry Lewis III. His life story is an example of overcoming obstacles with integrity and leadership. He now continues his work by leading Florida Memorial University. Dr. Lewis is a national treasure, who is very deserving of this recognition.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF HOLLIN HALL AUTOMOTIVE

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize the 50th anniversary of Hollin Hall Automotive, a family-owned automobile service station in Fort Hunt, Virginia, with a record of both excellent service to their customers and substantive involvement in the local community.

Hollin Hall Automotive was founded on May 1, 1961, by Leon Harvey Sr. and his wife Ruth Ann Harvey. The subsequent success of the Harvey business and their community involvement serve as an inspiration to all in our district. Since the initial investment 50 years ago, Hollin Hall Automotive has witnessed Fort Hunt prosper and evolve from rural farmlands to thriving suburb. The service station has sur-

vived the 1973 oil crisis, experienced numerous advancements in technology, and stood the test of time while other businesses came and went. The Harveys have hired many high school students over the years and watched as these same students matured and entered into society as adults.

Mr. Leon Harvey, Sr. is no longer with us but he is survived by his seven sons and his wife who continues to run the cash register to this very day. Their son, Tom Harvey, has assumed leadership of Hollin Hall and the business which continues to thrive. Even with the backdrop of Fort Hunt's rapid expansion, the Harvey family and employees of Hollin Hall maintain their personal involvement in their ever-growing community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 50th anniversary of Hollin Hall Automotive and the exceptional service it has provided to the Fort Hunt community. We wish the Harvey family and continued success in maintaining their local business.

JACOB MANION

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jacob Manion for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Jacob Manion is a 7th grader at Drake Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jacob Manion 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 Jacob Manion 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.

FINDING GOD IN THE MIDST OF SUFFERING

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I submit the New York Times obituary of William J. Stuntz, an influential legal scholar, who died last week after a 3-year battle with metastatic colon cancer. He was 52.

I also submit a piece which Mr. Stuntz authored in 2009 for Christianity Today titled "Three Gifts for Hard Times." Christianity Today re-ran the piece this month in honor of Stuntz's passing. In the face of great personal hardship, including chronic pain which plagued him for more than ten years, Mr. Stuntz found tremendous strength in his Christian faith, and wrote of it in ways both compelling and poetic. I commend it to my colleagues.