

Mr. Speaker, Alderman Vi Daley has brought great improvements and wise decisions to the city of Chicago and the 43d Ward. I would like to commend and thank Alderman Daley for her hard work and concern for the residents of her Ward. I wish her well in her retirement as she spends time with her husband Vince and two daughters Kathleen and Colleen.

A BRUTAL CRACKDOWN AGAINST
IRAN'S BAHAI'S

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2011

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to my colleagues' attention some extremely disturbing news coming out of Iran. Just this past weekend, a coordinated series of raids have been carried out on the homes of several Iranian Baha'is. An estimated 14 Baha'is have been arrested thus far.

According to a representative of the Baha'i International Community to the United Nations in Geneva, "All of the targets were homes of individuals closely involved with the operations of the Baha'i Institute for Higher Education." This institution was created to provide young Baha'is an opportunity to pursue higher education after being systematically denied access to higher learning institutions by the Iranian government.

These attacks—and Iran's general policy of suppressing religious freedom—are unacceptable and must stop. The U.S. and the international community must vigorously speak out against these acts of injustice facing the nearly 300,000 Baha'is living in Iran today—a community which, according to the recently published report of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, "has long been subject to particularly severe religious violations in Iran."

We must not allow such atrocities to continue unnoticed.

TRIBUTE TO RONALD SHUGART
BARBRE

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2011

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor a constituent and patriot, Ronald Shugart Barbre who passed away peacefully at his home on May 15, 2011 after a brave battle with cancer. He was 76 years old.

Ron was born December 20, 1934 at Queen of Angels Hospital in Los Angeles. His father, Thomas Russell Barbre, was the 39th captain in the history of the Los Angeles County Fire Department and his mother, Sarah Shugart Barbre, was a homemaker. He grew up in the Athens District of Los Angeles and graduated from Washington High School.

He attended the University of Southern California (USC) on a naval ROTC scholarship and graduated with a degree in International Relations. Even though she was a graduate of cross town rival UCLA, he married the love of

his life, Nancy on June 23, 1957 while on active naval duty. They initially lived in Bremerton, WA while he finished his active duty, and upon honorable discharge, moved to Balboa Island before settling in Fullerton, CA. In 1969, Ron and Nancy moved to the new community of Yorba Linda, CA where they raised their family and were active members of Rose Drive Friends Church.

After his active duty military service, he earned his MBA from USC and embarked upon a successful sales career in the publishing business. He carried the first issue of Electronic Component News (ECN) and helped develop this publication in the burgeoning electronics industry for Chilton Publishing. By the time he retired in 1998, he had risen to the role of regional vice president for Chilton-ABC Publishing.

Ron helped form the Orange County chapter of the Business and Professional Advertising Association (BPAA) where he annually organized the annual tennis tournament. He became a Certified Business Communicator (CBC) through the organization and assisted countless students interested in the advertising and publishing business. He also became known as "Mr. Closer" and developed the art of the "power lunch".

Ron led a very active life as a competitive tennis player and indefatigable hiker & biker. He was an avid reader who loved history and biographies, and was always a faithful and active member of his church.

Following the loss of his first wife, Nancy, to cancer in 1993, he moved from the hills of Yorba Linda to the coastal community of San Clemente where he married his second wife, Joyce. His dream retirement was one in which he could play as much tennis as he wished, ride his bike in flat areas, and walk on the beach every day. With Joyce, Ron joined the San Clemente Presbyterian Church where they each found a new life together.

In retirement he spent time volunteering at the San Diego Air & Space Museum, as a docent at the Ocean Institute in Dana Point, and travelling the world with Joyce and many friends. He also consistently spent time with his family on both coasts and with Joyce's family of 4 children and 9 grandchildren.

Ron is survived by his wife Joyce of San Clemente; son Brian (Birgit) of Gloucester, MA; his son Brett (Jean) of Yorba Linda; his grandson Daniel of Gloucester, MA; his sister Josephine Cullen of Rolling Hills Estates; his sister Jeanette Pickering of Ventura; numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, step-children & step-grandchildren, and friends and colleagues coast to coast. He was predeceased by his first wife Nancy, his parents Tom Sr. and Sarah; his sister June Wagner and his brothers Tom Barbre, Jr. and Robert Shugart.

A memorial service celebrating Ron's extraordinary life will be held in June. Ron will always be remembered for his incredible work ethic, generosity, athleticism, and love of family. His dedication to his family and community are a testament to a life lived well and a legacy that will continue. I extend my condolences to Ron's family and friends; although Ron may be gone, the light and goodness he brought to the world remain and will never be forgotten.

TRIBUTE TO MARINE PRIVATE
FIRST CLASS TED DENNIS BRITT

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2011

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and commemorate Marine Private First Class Ted Dennis Britt, who gave his life at Khe Sanh, on March 30th, 1968.

Ted grew up in my district; in Decatur, Georgia. He was born into a military family—His father was a Navy veteran of two wars, and his brother served in Afghanistan as a Brigadier General in the Georgia Army National Guard. Ted grew up playing baseball and joined the Marine Corps not long after graduating from Southwest Dekalb High School in 1967. It's hard to believe that he was already engaged to be married when he enlisted at only 18 years of age.

Mr. Speaker, in 1968, PFC Ted D. Britt, was one of many Marines serving in harm's way. Far from home, his family, and from everything he knew, Ted served gallantly and gave everything. Our country can never repay our debt to him or his family, but I wish to join with his friends and family in spirit, as they honor and remember him this week.

Mr. Speaker, as you would imagine, our military has already posthumously awarded PFC Britt the appropriate medals and ribbons for his bravery under fire. But I wish to add my voice to their chorus. I wish to help ensure that Ted's sacrifice is not lost to history—but remembered, honored and understood. I never knew Ted Britt, but his selflessness is what I will never forget.

To this young man's family, and to those who called him friend, I offer my thoughts and prayers. May God bless them and keep them in their moment of remembrance.

IN HONOR OF SENATOR JOHN
GLENN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor soldier, pilot, astronaut, and former U.S. Senator, John Glenn. His dedication to Ohio and the country has inspired the Great Lakes Science Center to honor him at their Reach for the Stars Benefit.

John Glenn was born in Cambridge, Ohio in 1921. He attended Muskingum College, where he earned his pilot's license. Before he had the chance to graduate, the United States entered the Second World War. He enlisted as a U.S. Navy aviation cadet in 1942 and was reassigned to the Marine Corps in 1943. During World War II, he flew 59 missions in the South Pacific and he flew 90 combat missions in the Korean War. In the late 1950s, he returned to the United States and served as a test pilot, and completed the first supersonic transnational flight in 1957.

In 1959, Glenn was assigned to NASA, and on February 20, 1962 he became the fifth person in space and the first American to orbit the earth. This marked only one aspect of his illustrious career at NASA, which honored him

with the NASA Distinguished Service Medal. Three decades later, in 1998, John Glenn became the oldest person to ever go into space, at the age of 77, in order for NASA to study the effects of space travel on seniors.

John Glenn also served as U.S. Senator from 1974 until 1999. He served as chair of the Committee on Government Affairs, sat on the Foreign Affairs and Armed Services committees, and was the chief author of the 1978 Nonproliferation Act. His exemplary public service was recognized by the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, which awarded him the Woodrow Wilson Award for Public Service in 2004. He has also received the Congressional Space Medal of Honor and the Congressional Gold Medal. In 1998 he founded The Ohio State University's John Glenn Institute for Public Service and Public Policy, now known as the John Glenn School of Public Affairs.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of a national hero, John Glenn. His dedication to education and country serve as an inspiration to us all.

CONGRATULATING ALDERMAN
HELEN SHILLER

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2011

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Helen Shiller, Alderman of Chicago's 46th Ward. After 24 years of hard work and great service, she has decided to retire.

As Alderman, Helen was very responsive to the community she represented and worked continually to improve life in the 46th Ward. She introduced recycling programs to residential and commercial high-rises, helped foster economic and job growth, assisted senior citizens by placing CTA shelters near their buildings and simplified the application process for senior sewer rebates. She strived to make Chicago an easier place to live by creating affordable housing programs.

Alderman Shiller welcomed the diversity that makes up the 46th Ward and worked hard to make sure all aspects of her constituency were represented in City Council. In 1990, she passed an anti-apartheid ordinance and in 1992, tripled the City's funding budget for those living with HIV/AIDS. Alderman Shiller believed the best way to govern was to listen, and by doing so she was able to fairly represent her residents.

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to recognize Alderman Helen Shiller for her 24 years of dedicated service to the 46th Ward of Chicago. I thank Alderman Shiller and wish her luck on all her future endeavors.

HONORING LEROY EDWARD HART
OF NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of community member Lee Hart, for his outstanding work in Napa County, California.

Mr. Hart was born in San Francisco in 1940 and moved to Yountville at the age of 3. He is the great-grandson of a Yountville pioneer, Mr. Mathias Van de Leur, who was a Napa County Supervisor and a mason who built the St. Helena Catholic Church, several stone bridges and the Manor House at Stag's Leap Winery.

Lee Hart has been on the Board of the Yountville Cemetery Association for 46 years and has been the President and proven leader since 1967. His love of Napa moved him to shift careers, from the banking world to serving as a police officer with the Napa Police Department, from where he retired after 26 years of service. Mr. Hart was recognized as "Police Officer of the Year;" he also taught self-defense at the Napa Valley College, and was an instructor for the Napa Police Academy. After retiring from the police force, he was a Marshall for the Napa Sheriff's Department for another 10 years.

Mr. Hart has been a lifelong member of Toastmasters, Ducks Unlimited, the California Waterfowl Association, and is the founding member of the George Yount Mountainmen organization. He has been known to participate in the Yountville Parade and dress as George Yount. Mr. Hart has been involved in martial arts since 1964, and is a 9th Degree Black Belt, having won several competitions with gold, silver and bronze medals.

"Anything done in moderation is boring," is one of Mr. Hart's favorite sayings and he can always be found sharing a good story and showcasing his duck decoy collection. Mr. Hart is fortunate to be surrounded by a large circle of loving family and life-long friends. He married Chrissy Hart in 1991. He has three children: Elizabeth, Victoria and Leroy-Mathias, and 10 grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we acknowledge Leroy Edward Hart for his decades of devoted service to the Napa Valley community on this Memorial Day.

CONGRATULATIONS TO
AZERBAIJAN

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2011

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, in October, 2011, Azerbaijan will celebrate 20 years of independence as a democratic republic, since the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991. However, Azerbaijan's desire for independence dates back much further to the collapse of Imperial Russia in 1918. On May 28, 2011, Azerbaijan will be celebrating the 93rd anniversary of the establishment of the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic, the first Muslim democracy. Azerbaijan also gave women the right to vote in 1918, over 2 years before the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution made women's suffrage a reality in our country.

Unfortunately, Azerbaijan's independence was short-lived, and was snuffed out by the Bolshevik Revolution and the crushing takeover by Soviet Russia. Many Azerbaijanis lost their lives in 1920, trying to keep their independence alive. After years of living under Soviet rule, in 1991, Azerbaijan regained its independence following the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Azerbaijan is a secular, modern, Muslim, country, which practices broad religious tolerance. Religion does not play any role in the Government. The capital city of Baku has five Jewish synagogues and Christian churches abound. The country has a close relationship with Israel. Azerbaijani teams, this year, flew to Israel and helped the Israelis fight large wildfires. State visits, back and forth between the two countries, are common. They are strong trading partners.

Azerbaijan is a strong ally of the United States in a very important and very uncertain region of the world with Russia to the north and Iran to the south. Yet, not only is Azerbaijan stable, politically and economically, it was also the first Muslim nation to offer troops to support the United States in the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. Air fields in Azerbaijan continue to provide logistics support for American troops in both theatres.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Azerbaijan as it moves forward on the path to democracy and thank them for their strong support of the United States. My congratulations to the people of Azerbaijan on the anniversary of Republic Day, which symbolizes the universal quest for freedom and democracy.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1540) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2012 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes:

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Chair, I rise in support of the amendment to strike section 1034 from the bill. Let's be clear what we are debating here today: the bill before us would amend the authorization for the use of military force (AUMF) that Congress passed in the wake of the 9/11 attacks—not just reaffirm the existing authorization.

As a threshold matter, I question the premise for this amendment. Proponents argue that Congress needs to act now lest a court change its interpretation of the AUMF. Proponents also argue that the President has been hamstrung in his ability to detain and target groups linked to al Qaeda, like al Qaida in the Peninsula (AQAP).

Yet Defense Department General Counsel Jeh Johnson made clear in public testimony that DoD has all the authority it needs to fight terror. And I've seen no evidence that the Administration feels any restraints on its ability to target threats like AQAP. In fact, the White House stated yesterday it "strongly objects" to section 1034. If the Administration, which stands to benefit most from the proposed amendment to the AUMF, is arguing against it, I have serious doubts we should proceed.

I support efforts to update the AUMF of 2001. The AUMF should reflect the diffuse terrorist threat faced by the US today and clarify that the President has the authority to target