

after his third year on the job. He was only twenty-four years old.

Mr. Sawyer embodies the term ambitious. He has owned three taverns in Brooklyn, and managed five taverns in Manhattan include the "Spotlight Bar" next to the Apollo Theater. He's owned four Laundromats, liquor stores, an office supply store, and scores of houses in Brooklyn.

Mr. Sawyer is also very active in the community; he came out of retirement, and presently serves as my community liaison for the 10th Congressional District. He has been a member of the Board of Managers at the North Brooklyn YMCA for over twenty years, serving as chairman for ten of those. In addition, he is a Founding member of the Board of Directors of the Boys and Girls Club of Eufaula, Alabama and a lifetime member of the NAACP.

Mr. Sawyer is married to Rosa Beatrice and together they have two children, Lisa and William, and four grandchildren, Tyra, Tammara, Leasia and Karima.

Mr. Sawyer believes that we all have an opportunity to succeed in life. He believes we should not be afraid to follow our dreams. He certainly followed his own advice and is now enjoying the sweet fruits of his labor. Mr. Sawyer and his wife currently split their time between homes in Brooklyn, New York and Eufaula, Alabama.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Leroy Sawyer for his unceasing ambition in life, as well as his commitment and leadership in his community.

HONORING STEVEN ANDREW
MULLINS

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. GRIFFITH of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I submit these remarks in honor of Steven Andrew Mullins, a devoted businessman and member of the Salem and greater Roanoke Valley communities, who passed away Saturday, June 9th at the age of 62.

Born on November 8, 1949, Steven was an athlete, student, and great friend to those around him. Everyone seemed to know Steve or know of him. In 1968, he graduated from Andrew Lewis High School, and then went on to obtain a Business Degree from the University of Georgia in 1973.

His first attempt at running a small business came in 1973 in Salem, VA when he and his father, Harold, opened Steve's Famous Hot Dogs with only \$500 in initial capital. Doing what he loved most, serving his community, Steve's business exploded with success and spread throughout the region to 17 different locations.

Later, Steve helped open Famous Anthony's in 1986. These business ventures helped Steve discover his interest in real estate, and he eventually became known as one of the best commercial realtors in the Roanoke Valley.

Despite all of Steve's business success, his brother Brad found only one accolade in his brother's lock box. It was a printout of the motion Steve made to form Salem City Schools. At the time, the schools were part of Roanoke

County schools, so—as a member of the Salem City School Board—Steve made the motion to form Salem's independent school district. Described by many as a man with a passion that is hard to understand, this is just another example of Steve wanting to do well for his community.

My thoughts and prayers go out to Steve's family and loved ones. His love for his family, neighbors, community, and contributions will always be remembered and cherished in Salem and throughout the Roanoke Valley.

IN SUPPORT OF WORLD, REFUGEE
DAY

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in support of World Refugee Day. Across the globe approximately 43.7 million people have been displaced after being forced to flee their homes due to the threat of persecution, violence and conflict. The majority of these people are forced to live in extreme poverty and endure unspeakable conditions.

This is a day where we can honor the courage and strength of those that have lost everything, through no fault of their own. Many have had to make the terrifying decision of risking their lives, and their families lives by staying in a conflict stricken area, or leaving their home, families and possessions behind in an attempt to find safer conditions.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees provides lifesaving assistance and protection to 33.7 million of those displaced, but even this is not enough. Women and children in camps experience high levels of rape and assault, and there is rarely enough food to go around. Health conditions in these camps are often extremely poor and disease runs rampant.

Mr. Speaker, the United States has taken in countless numbers of refugees in our history. They have become an essential part of the fabric of our society, but we can still do more. This is why I am a co-sponsor of H.R. 690, a resolution that recognizes America's positive impact on the international refugee community, but calls for important changes to be made to H.R. 2185, the Refugee Protection Act of 2011.

These changes would eliminate the 1-year filing deadline for asylum applications that puts at risk thousands of people each year, create a path to legal citizenship and ensure that victims of persecution are not inadvertently forced back to the countries they fled to begin with.

Mr. Speaker, this is a day to remember that we are the lucky ones. We live in the greatest country in the world where freedom of belief, speech, and press amongst others are God given rights, not privileges. As a member of the Congressional Human Rights Caucus I fully support the efforts of the UNHCR and H.R. 690 to try and make that a reality for all, regardless of nationality.

Today I rise to recognize all those living in poverty stricken refugee camps because it is safer than going home, and those all those who dream of returning to the land of their fathers, but are unable to do so. I ask my col-

leagues to support H.R. 690, and I support the honorable efforts of World Refugee Day.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO
AMEND TITLE IV OF THE EM-
PLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME
SECURITY ACT OF 1974 TO PRO-
VIDE FOR A GUARANTEE BY THE
PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY
CORPORATION FOR QUALIFIED
PRERETIREMENT SURVIVOR AN-
NUITIES UNDER INSOLVENT OR
TERMINATED MULTIEMPLOYER
PENSION PLANS

HON. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a bill to rectify an inequity regarding the benefits provided to surviving spouses through the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC). I am pleased to be joined by Rep. ROB ANDREWS in this effort.

PBGC provides pre-retirement survivor coverage, which provides a benefit to the surviving spouse of a pension participant who dies before retirement. However, in the case of a multiemployer pension plan turned over to PBGC, this benefit is guaranteed only if the plan participant dies before the plan is turned over. For single-employer plans the benefit is guaranteed regardless of when the participant dies.

The PBGC web site acknowledges this discrepancy, stating "... For the most part, the PBGC guarantees the same type of benefits for multiemployer pension plans as for benefits in the single-employer program, with the exception that preretirement survivor annuities are forfeitable in multiemployer plans if the participant has not died as of the termination date."

The debate over how to best provide income security for older Americans will continue for some time. However, in the meantime, it is unconscionable that a widow or widower would be denied the modest benefits provided under the PBGC multiemployer plan simply because his or her spouse did not die before the plan was turned over to the PBGC.

This discrepancy appears inadvertent and deserves to be corrected by Congress. I ask my colleagues for their support of this legislation so we can address this issue quickly.

INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION
TO COMMEMORATE THE 40TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF TITLE IX

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, on the 40th Anniversary of Title IX, I can clearly recall my youth when I and my female classmates didn't participate in sports simply because there weren't any sports for girls to play.

Many believe that Title IX applies only to athletics. While it's true that Title IX has literally changed the playing field for women in sports, this landmark legislation has also created opportunities for women in math, law,

science, and other fields where women and girls have historically faced considerable barriers to access and involvement.

Prior to Title IX, sex discrimination was rampant. Many colleges limited the number of women by requiring higher grades and test scores than men, pregnant students were frequently expelled from high schools, and athletic programs for females were virtually nonexistent.

Today, women comprise over half of undergraduate students, roughly half of students in medical and law schools, and girl's participation in high school sports has increased tenfold.

To commemorate this landmark legislation, I am introducing a Resolution to Commemorate the 40th Anniversary of Title IX along with Reps. GWEN MOORE, MARCIA FUDGE, ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON, BARBARA LEE, FREDERICA WILSON, BETTY MCCOLLUM, LAURA RICHARDSON, EDOLPHUS TOWNS, RUSS CARNAHAN, LYNN WOOLSEY, JIM McDERMOTT and JIM MCGOVERN. The countless girls and women that have benefited from Title IX are a testament to the importance of gender fairness and the obstacles girls and women still face in overcoming the wage gap, sexual harassment and shattering ceilings in lines of work that still favor men.

It's my great hope that we will use this momentous occasion to affirm the equal treatment of men and women and boys and girls and endeavor to work towards a time when women and girls can achieve true equality in athletics, education, and employment.

HONORING UNITED WAY'S 125TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Pennsylvania's First District Chapter of United Way, in honor of the nonprofit's Annual Day of Action and 125th anniversary.

In 125 years, United Way has become the world's largest privately supported nonprofit dedicated to combating social welfare issues in cities across the country. The organization now boasts nearly 1,800 community-based United Way chapters in 41 countries, raising more than \$5 billion dollars annually. The nonprofit's efforts have translated into a nationwide campaign to create programs that foster healthy children, families and communities.

United Way and its partners are a leading community impact organization as they increase public awareness of social welfare issues affecting our nation. Dedicated to improving education, income stability and healthy lives, the organization has relentlessly challenged the system to create better opportunities for all. United Way's ability to make connections between individuals and government agencies, have made it easier to address the pressing needs of local communities.

Thousands of individuals across the country will participate in United Ways Annual Day of Action to advance the common good by creating strategies to improve education, income and health. More than 125 years later, United Way still honors its original mission that fo-

cuses on utilizing the resources of local communities to make a difference in people's lives.

I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring the First District Chapter of United Way for their commitment to improving the lives of families and communities of millions of people in Philadelphia and beyond.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GIRL SCOUTS

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the 100th Anniversary of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America and the designation of 2012 as the Year of the Girl.

In 1912, Daisy Low began the Girl Scouts Movement with only 18 girls. Low's mission was to give girls the opportunity to develop skills in self-reliance and resourcefulness that will help them as professional women and citizens.

Over the years, more than 50 million girls and women have participated in the Girl Scouts, giving them the tools to lead with courage, confidence and character. Some of the most accomplished women in public service, business, science, education and the arts are alumnae of the Girl Scouts.

Today, Girl Scouts of the USA is developing more programs to help girls become more involved in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM), environmental stewardship, healthy living, financial literacy, and global citizenship. Across the country, Girl Scouts dedicate over 70 million hours of service to their communities annually. Girls who achieve their Gold Award, the highest achievement a Girl Scout can earn, take extraordinary steps to solve a problem and make a lasting impact on their community.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I honor the great accomplishment of the Girl Scouts of the USA. I know today's Girl Scouts will be part of the next generation of women leaders in our country.

HONORING DIANE NUNN FOR SERVICE TO CALIFORNIA

HON. KAREN BASS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Ms. BASS of California. Mr. Speaker, today I honor a remarkable constituent of California, Diane Nunn, for receiving the First Annual Mark Hardin Award for Child Welfare Legal Scholarship and Systems Change. Ms. Nunn is characterized by her leadership, humility, and her deep driving compassion for the lives of families and children in California.

Ms. Nunn was recognized for this award because of her lifetime commitment to improving the lives of families and children in California as a teacher and through her work at the Administrative Office of the Courts.

Ms. Nunn joined the Administrative Office of the Courts in 1986 as an attorney in private

practice with an emphasis on family and criminal law, including domestic violence prevention and intervention. Since 2000, Ms. Nunn has been the Division Director of the Center for Families, Children & the Courts, and the Administrative Office of the Courts. During her time in this office, Ms. Nunn also served as a juvenile court referee for the Superior Court of Los Angeles and has published influential written material for her field.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have such a pioneering and inspirational community leader like Diane Nunn in my home state of California and I congratulate her on the receipt of this award.

RECOGNIZING STAFF SERGEANT MITCHELL CORBIN

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Staff Sergeant Mitchell Corbin of the Texas Air National Guard for his immense bravery and heroism. After Houston, Texas resident Marie Decker's car crashed and flipped on its side on Beltway 8, Corbin saved her life by pulling her out of the vehicle moments before it caught on fire. Corbin put his own safety in jeopardy to help a stranger. He is a true hero.

When Decker's vehicle crashed, Corbin, who was traveling with a friend, pulled over to help. After multiple attempts to get Decker out of the car, Corbin used a fire extinguisher that a bystander brought to the scene to break the passenger window. He then pulled Decker to safety moments before the vehicle burst into flames.

Corbin joined the Texas Air National Guard in 2005 and is a technician for the 147th Reconnaissance Wing, located at Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base in Houston. Using his military skills, Corbin provided first aid to Decker and made sure she was safe until paramedics arrived. Decker suffered a concussion and a broken heel in the crash, but her life was saved because of Corbin.

Staff Sergeant Mitchell Corbin exhibited true military bravery on behalf of a stranger. His actions are a tremendous source of pride for our community and our nation. On behalf of the 22nd Congressional District of Texas, I thank him for his incredible valor.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$15,784,676,619,110.62. We've added \$5,157,799,570,197.54 to our debt in just over 3 years. This is debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

On this day in 1782, the Great Seal of the United States was adopted. This seal represents the freedom that we as Americans so