

and father to his daughters, Nicole and Britany.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Sgt. Warren Watts for his great service to the people of Pueblo County. His loss is mourned by many and he will be sadly missed.

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL ROBERT D.
PETERSON

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Colonel Robert D. Peterson, an outstanding West Virginian who served in our nation's military. Col. Peterson is responsible for overseeing the 300 navigable miles of the Ohio River basin. Col. Peterson employs over 800 staff members to maintain 35 reservoirs, and nine locks and dams. I want to personally congratulate Col. Peterson for his continued success.

Col. Robert D. Peterson is an outstanding soldier, friend, husband and father. He is a 1985 graduate from the prestigious academy of West Point, graduating with a Bachelors of Science and from the U.S. Army War College with a Masters Degree in Strategic Studies. Col. Peterson was awarded the Bronze Star, three Army Commendation Medals, two Army Achievement Medals, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Master Parachutist Badge, and the Bronze Order of the deFleury Medal.

The awards of Col. Peterson are just a fraction of what he has truly accomplished. Col. Peterson has successfully managed 35 flood projects that prevented over \$11.3 billion in damages while allowing over 30 million visitors to support these regions. In the Huntington District, he has made the most of 3,000 volunteers, doing over \$2 million worth of service. He has also been responsible for 94 tons of commercial traffic with 35,000 lockages valuing at 18.6 billion dollars. He has issued 800 permits for mining, highway construction, flood emergency and more. Of these permits he was responsible for placing the Boy Scout Jamboree within our beautiful state of West Virginia. He has worked and encouraged the support for projects overseas within Afghanistan and Iraq. Col. Peterson's efforts have allowed these regions to thrive.

Col. Peterson's work has greatly enhanced the state of West Virginia and the world around him. Congratulations to Col. Peterson on his numerous accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SERVICES CENTER OF CLEVELAND

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the International Services Center of Cleveland, Ohio, which is observing World Refugee Day on June 20, 2012, with an evening of international food, music, friendship, and celebration of all refugees who call Northeast Ohio "home."

The International Services Center (ISC) was founded in 1916. The ISC settles refugees through the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI), of which it is a partner agency. Thousands of refugees are brought to the United States every year because they cannot return to their home countries and do not enjoy basic rights in the countries where they sought refuge. Hundreds are resettled in Ohio.

The International Services Center helps these refugees integrate quickly into the Greater Cleveland community by providing them with the tools of self-reliance: housing, job placement, employment skills, clothing, medical attention, education, English-language classes, and community orientation. The ISC offers other services as well, including immigration consultation and representation, interpretation and translation, citizenship preparation, acculturation classes, anti-trafficking, and urban agriculture for entrepreneurship.

The International Services Center has helped resettle 106 refugees in the past year alone. Since the office opened in 1916, more than 13,000 refugees from many countries have embarked on a path to reach their full potential and enjoy safety, security, and a second chance in life.

World Refugee Day is dedicated to raising awareness of the situation of refugees domestically and throughout the world. Refugees are a testament to the United States' long, proud history as a sanctuary for those who seek lives free from violence and oppression. World Refugee Day is an opportunity for the entire Cleveland-area community to come together to celebrate the contributions of our friends and neighbors who are immigrants and refugees who bring great diversity to enrich the Northeast Ohio region.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in celebrating World Refugee Day and acknowledging the important work of Cleveland's International Services Center.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARTHA ROBY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mrs. ROBY. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, May 30, 2012 and part of the day on Thursday, May 31, 2012, I was absent from Washington D.C. due to the funeral of a close friend of the family that I was attending.

If I had been present, I would have voted as the following on May 30, 2012:

Rollcall 294 on motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended H.R. 5651, the Prescription Drug User Fee Amendment, I would have voted Aye.

Rollcall 295 on motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended H.R. 4201, the Servicemember Family Protection Act, I would have voted Aye.

Rollcall 296 on motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended H.R. 915, the Jamie Zapata Border Enforcement Security Task Force Act, I would have voted Aye.

If I had been present, I would have voted as the following on May 31, 2012:

Rollcall 297 on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 667, I would have voted Aye.

Rollcall 298 on agreeing to H. Res. 667, I would have voted Aye.

Rollcall 299 on motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended H.R. 3541 Prenatal Non-discrimination Act of 2012, I would have voted Aye.

Rollcall 300, on motion to recommit with instructions to H.R. 5743, I would have voted Nay.

Rollcall 301, on passage of H.R. 5743, I would have voted Aye.

RECOGNIZING THE 5TH MARINE REGIMENT

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. WEBSTER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize the 5th Marine Regiment and Regimental Combat Team 5. The 5th Marine Regiment was activated in 1917 during World War I as the United States made preparations for deployment to France, where the Regiment won the moniker the "Fighting Fifth." The Regiment has served in every major U.S. military engagement since World War I, most recently serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The 5th Marine Regiment, deployed to Afghanistan in 2011 as Regimental Combat Team 5, has spent the last seven months in southern Helmand province serving in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Based out of Camp Dwyer, the Marines of Regimental Combat Team 5 are conducting operations and training Afghan forces in the Marjah, Garmsir, and Nawa districts.

As a nation, we are proud of their courageous service and selfless dedication to defending the ideas that framed our Constitution and continue to sustain our democratic republic. There is no greater debt than that owed by people of this country to those who place their lives on the line for our nation.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Regimental Combat Team 5 as they complete their deployment, and with their families as they eagerly await the safe return of the brave Marines and sailors.

CAPTAIN STANCIL GEORGE
"STAN" JONES

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Captain Stancil George "Stan" Jones who passed away on June 17, 2012. Captain Jones was a Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) Captain who spent more than 55½ years serving the citizens and the communities of Los Angeles. He was the longest serving firefighter in the history of the United States.

The last 37 years of his career were at fire stations serving the communities of San Pedro and Wilmington, where he served at Fire Stations 49, 53, 112 and 38. In his honor, there is a monument outside San Pedro's Fire Station 112, where Stan spent many years. The towering column engraved with his picture overlooks the newly named Stancil G. Jones Fire Plaza.

Stan Jones was the second of three children and was born on August 3, 1926 to Sadie and Stencil Jones in Los Angeles. He graduated from Mt. Carmel High School in Los Angeles in 1944. Shortly after graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. Stan trained as a radar technician and while stationed on Guam Island repaired and refurbished the electronics of many ships. Stan was awarded the World War II Victory Medal, American Area Campaign Medal and the Asiatic-Pacific Area Campaign Medal. Upon his honorable discharge, he returned home and enrolled at Northrop Aeronautical Institute.

He entered the LAFD on November 1, 1948, where he served for 55 1/2 years, a tenure of service unprecedented to this day. He was promoted to Auto-Fireman, Engineer and Fire Captain, attaining 43 years of seniority as a Captain. Stan retired from the LAFD on May 14, 2004.

Stan responded to some of Los Angeles' most historical fires and disasters, including the 1961 Bel-Air Fire, the Sansinena tanker ship explosion and fire, the Mandeville Canyon Fire, and the Northridge earthquake disaster.

Stan was a caring man actively involved in the raising of his children. He provided support and guidance for all his children, right to the last remaining days of his life. He was also quite the runner, winning events in high school track, the Firemen's Olympics and the World Senior Olympics.

I extend my deepest condolences to Stan's wife, Mary; his sons, Dory, Stencil (George) III, William, Gregory, Jeffery, John and Westlie; five daughters, Janine, Mary, Elizabeth, Stacey, and Laura; two step children, Sheila and Rob; and his 40 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

He will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

TOBYHANNA ARMY DEPOT

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Tobyhanna Army Depot, which will celebrate its 100th anniversary on June 23, 2012.

In the summer of 1912, the Army arrived in Tobyhanna, PA and established a temporary artillery training camp under Major Charles P. Summerall, Commander of the 3rd Field Artillery at Fort Myer, Virginia. Based on the camp's success, Congress authorized the Army to purchase land to create a permanent camp in 1913. Since then, it has been a military testing facility, a prisoner-of-war camp, and, since 1953, an Army facility that repairs communications equipment for all branches of the military.

Today, Tobyhanna Army Depot is the largest full-service electronics maintenance facility within the U.S. Department of Defense. With a regional economic impact of an estimated \$4.4 billion, Tobyhanna is northeastern Pennsylvania's largest employer with more than 5,400 employees. In addition, Tobyhanna Army Depot employs an additional 300 personnel who permanently work at Forward Repair Ac-

tivities and its presence alone creates 19,300 regional jobs.

Mr. Speaker, for the last 100 years, the Tobyhanna Army Depot has proudly served the citizens of Northeastern Pennsylvania and the United States. Therefore, I commend the Tobyhanna Army Depot and all those personnel who have faithfully served their community and the country.

CONGRATULATORY REMARKS FOR OBTAINING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SANDY ADAMS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mrs. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Kristopher A. Eagle for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

For his Eagle Scout project, Kristopher constructed an enclosure to house a monitor lizard for the C.A.R.E Foundation. To fund his project, Kristopher held a car wash, bake sale, and a yard sale, investing a total of 360 hours into the project. Throughout the history of the Boy Scouts of America, the rank of Eagle Scout has only been attained through dedication to concepts such as honor, duty, country and charity. By applying these concepts to daily life, Kristopher has proven his true and complete understanding of their meanings, and thereby deserves this honor.

I offer my congratulations on a job well done and best wishes for the future.

ON THE RETIREMENT OF PULASKI TECHNICAL COLLEGE PRESI- DENT, DR. DAN F. BAKKE

HON. TIM GRIFFIN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my congratulations to Pulaski Technical College president, Dr. Dan F. Bakke, on the occasion of his retirement and to recognize his contribution to my home state of Arkansas.

In his twelve years at the helm of the college, Dan focused on improving the quality and accessibility of education at Pulaski Tech.

When he became president in 2000, Pulaski Tech's enrollment was only 4,300 students, and, today, as he leaves, the college has an enrollment of nearly 12,000 students.

Not only did he help triple the size of the college's enrollment, he oversaw its expansion from four locations in Pulaski County to seven locations in Pulaski and Saline Counties.

Through this expansion, Pulaski Tech was able to provide a quality education to thousands who otherwise might not have had the chance to attend college. This is a remarkable accomplishment and one that has had a positive impact on job opportunities across Arkansas.

Additionally, Pulaski Tech is home to the Business and Industry Center, which provides

customized training for more than 200 companies in central Arkansas. At this center, students obtain training in cutting-edge industries to become qualified for job opportunities coming online each day.

Pulaski Tech continues to graduate well-prepared and well-educated adults equipped with the skills and knowledge necessary to succeed in today's job market.

Dan leaves behind a legacy of accomplishment, achievement, and success at Pulaski Technical College along with a record of having improved the lives of thousands of students.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dan on his retirement and wishing him and his wife, Jane, well on their new journey.

RECOGNIZING KENNY RICHARDS, RECIPIENT OF THE NATIONAL ZAK HOLLIS YOUTH ACHIEVE- MENT AWARD

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Kenny Richards, the 2012 recipient of the national annual Zak Hollis Youth Achievement Award presented by the National Tourette Syndrome Association. The award honors youth who display a great commitment to helping those with Tourette Syndrome (TS) and who have notable achievements in their daily lives.

Kenny, an eighth-grader from Hudtloff Middle School in Lakewood, WA, was recently named the Washington and Oregon representative for the National Tourette Syndrome Association Youth Ambassador Training. Kenny, who lives with TS, visits schools and clubs to teach his peers about the neurological disorder. Kenny also serves as an ambassador for TS by meeting with teachers, school administrators, and Members of Congress, including myself, about policies that would best serve young people with TS.

In addition to serving as an ambassador for young people with Tourette Syndrome, Kenny also advocates for all special-needs children. He understands the challenges of growing up with a special need and wants to make sure that all children are accepted and given an opportunity to thrive.

Because he has the firsthand experience of growing up with a younger brother who is on the autism spectrum, Kenny and his mother started a monthly support group for children with TS and autism. About 25 participants attend monthly to have a safe space to discuss their experiences.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House of Representatives please join me in honoring Kenny Richards for winning the Zak Hollis Youth Achievement Award. He is a strong advocate for young people with Tourette Syndrome and special-needs, and a role model for all who strive toward the acceptance of all children.