

Mr. Speaker, the last thing this country needs is yet another war particularly in the Middle East. Even worse is the president once again ignoring the Legislative Branch and going to war on his own. I hope my colleagues will join me in standing up for our Constitutional authority and resisting what will be another disastrous war in the Middle East.

IN HONOR OF ANTHONY COSTA

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2012

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Anthony Costa on the occasion of his recognition by the Grower Shipper Association with its prestigious E.E. "Gene" Harden Award for Lifetime Achievement in Central Coast Agriculture. The Ag Leadership Award is presented to the individual, company, group, association, or agency that has made a significant contribution to the agricultural community in the Salinas Valley.

Anthony Costa, or Tony, as he is known by most, was born in Wakefield Massachusetts and is the oldest of seven children. He came to California on a train with his aunt and uncle when he was eleven years old, settling in the San Joaquin Valley town of Los Banos. He graduated high school in 1946, and later served our nation in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. After leaving the service, he found his way to Salinas, California, where he met and married Salinas Valley native Elsie Bassi. Elsie was born and raised in the Soledad Mission District, graduated from San Jose State University, and was a school teacher.

In 1956, the young Costa couple began farming on a ranch outside of Soledad. As their family grew, so did their farming operation. For over fifty-six years, the Costa Family has dedicated itself to being quality growers of more than twenty different vegetable row crops in the Salinas Valley. Their original small operation has grown to encompass strategically owned and leased ground up and down the Salinas Valley. The family also runs year-round harvest operations, field-to-cooler trucking, joint ventures in Huron, Yuma and Imperial Valley crops, and partnership interests in cooling and processing operations. Their farming operation has been a key supplier to several shippers and processors in the area for many years.

The Costa Family Farms is a family farm in every sense of the word. And while the award singles out Tony for recognition, it is really a recognition of the whole Costa family. The family continues to farm the original ranch which they leased for many years. Their business now involves three generations of family members including their children David, Michael, Diane, and JoAnn, who are joined by their grandchildren Colby Rubbo and Peter Dossche. Several other grandchildren are pursuing agricultural degrees. They have built a remarkable operation that bridges the old produce world of trust and handshakes and the new modern world of food safety and product traceability.

Mr. Speaker, I know that I speak for the whole House in offering Tony and Elsie Costa and their whole family our heartfelt congratula-

tions on their recognition by the well deserved honor of E.E. "Gene" Harden Award for Lifetime Achievement in Central Coast Agriculture.

IN HONOR OF NATIONAL MARINE WEEK

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of National Marine Week so that we may join in a celebration of the individuals who dedicate themselves to the service and defense of this great country.

Each year a city is chosen to host National Marine Week and to serve as a venue to showcase the achievements of our most elite service members. This year Cleveland, Ohio was chosen to bring together technology, history, Marines and the public they serve. Cleveland is a fitting location as currently more than 9,000 active duty or reserve Marines hail from the state of Ohio. By highlighting the community, country and Corps, National Marine Week is both an educational and civic event which fosters awareness and connection between the military and civilian communities.

A week including Marine sporting events, speakers, and bands demonstrates the wide array of talents which fuel the Corps forces both at home and abroad. Various demonstrations will showcase the Expeditionary Forces in Readiness. The week is a unique exchange of thanks and respect for soldier and citizen alike. By remembering the sacrifices of the past, as well as the missions which continue to require our forces in the future, National Marine Week is a sign of the gratitude and honor which these heroes deserve.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues please join me in honoring National Marine Week 2012 to show our appreciation to those who give so much in service to their country.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED WAY

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2012

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to recognize a special organization that is near and dear to me, The United Way.

The United Way Worldwide is the leadership and support organization for the network of nearly 1,800 community-based United Ways in 45 countries and territories. In East Alabama, we are home to three different United Way locations—The United Way of Lee County, The River Region United Way and The United Way of East Central Alabama.

United Way focuses on helping people reach their full potential in education, income and health while also encouraging volunteerism and service. June 21st is United Way's Day of Action and June 28th is the official United Way Founders Day.

The United Way of East Central Alabama, in particular, is a special organization to me be-

cause I had the honor of working there from 1982 to 1986 as the Director of their Dislocated Worker Program. I saw and participated first-hand in the organization's efforts to help laid-off workers go back to school for re-training.

Mr. Speaker, I offer my congratulations to this organization that has touched so many lives and offer a very happy 125th anniversary.

A TRIBUTE TO JOHN BURROUGHS HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR STATE OF AMERICA CHAPTER

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2012

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the John Burroughs High School Junior State of America Chapter (JBHS JSA), from Burbank, California, upon being announced as the winner of the fifth annual National Civic Impact Award.

The concept for the Junior State was envisioned in the 1930s by Professor E.A. Rogers, who strongly believed that teaching youth the fundamentals of good government is one of the central needs of a democracy. When he introduced this idea to his students, a recommendation for a junior government was proposed by a student, where students would not only learn about democracy, but practice it as well. Formerly known as the Junior Statesmen of America, this project has spread to many high schools in California and across the nation. Since its inception, over 500,000 students have gained the skills and knowledge essential to be informed and active citizens and leaders.

Today, the Junior State of America (JSA) and the Junior Statesmen Foundation, strive to prepare and educate high school students for continuing involvement and participation in a democratic society. It encourages students to advocate their personal opinions, develop respect for opinions that oppose their own, think critically, and exchange ideas through problem solving, talks and debates. This experience also allows students to understand the responsibilities and challenges of leadership.

Every year, the top JSA chapters from across the U.S. compete for the National Civic Impact Award. This award is presented to the JSA chapter that makes the most prevalent impact at their school, by raising the degree of civic engagement and awareness. Ten finalists, who had all been announced winners of the "Chapter of the Year" award in their respective regions, advanced to be considered for the National Civic Impact Award. A panel of judges reviewed the materials the finalists had submitted, and announced John Burroughs High School as this year's winner. In addition to this prestigious title, the JBHS JSA will receive a grant towards maintaining the school's civic engagement programs, a stipend reward for the Teacher/Advisor as well as a plaque highlighting their achievement. The JBHS JSA is also incredibly active in their school and community. They have raised money for the Ronald McDonald House Charity, attended City Council and School Board meetings and hosted guest speakers.

I applaud the student participants and all the supporters of JSA for your unwavering commitment to civic engagement, and I ask all

Members to join me in congratulating the JBHS JSA Chapter for their noteworthy achievement.

CANDLES HOLOCAUST MUSEUM

HON. LARRY BUCSHON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2012

Mr. BUCSHON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call attention to the CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center located in Terre Haute, Indiana.

CANDLES is the only Holocaust Museum located in the State of Indiana, the only Holocaust Museum in the world focusing on forgiveness, and the only one focusing on the stories of twin children who were used as subjects in medical experimentation at Auschwitz. CANDLES is an acronym for Children of Auschwitz Nazi Deadly Lab Experiments Survivors.

The mission of CANDLES centers on the elimination of hatred and prejudice from our world. The Museum was founded in 1995 by Eva Mozes Kor who, as a twin, survived the genetic experiments of Dr. Josef Mengele in the Auschwitz Concentration Camp.

I was honored to be invited to tour CANDLES earlier this year and to meet Eva Mozes Kor and her husband, Mickey Kor. Their moving account of their experiences during the Holocaust and their willingness to forgive make their stories truly remarkable. I encourage all Hoosier and anyone who has the opportunity to visit CANDLES and to learn from Eva's powerful message of forgiveness.

TRIBUTE TO SHIRLEY MACLAINE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, June 7th, 2012, the American Film Institute bestowed its prestigious 40th Lifetime Achievement Award upon actress Shirley MacLaine. I was privileged to speak at the event in tribute to my dear friend. I submit my remarks for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

"I met Shirley MacLaine 33 years ago, with Congresswoman Bella Abzug at Elaine's Restaurant in New York City, the beginning of a magical friendship. She is my daughter Jackie's godmother. Seven years ago Shirley officiated at Elizabeth's and my wedding.

The Shirley MacLaine I know has an uncommon intellectual curiosity, borne of a courageous approach to life. She has the capacity, in an instant, to go very deep into human experience, into the cosmos, into herself. Her gift to her friends is her ceaseless call for authenticity, the challenge to take off the mask, and compassion for those who journey towards the inner truth.

"The poet, Walt Whitman, may have anticipated Shirley when he wrote "I contain multitudes." Shirley brings an extraordinary emotional coloration to the Art of Life and to the performing arts that is so vivid that she has the ability to light up a character, light up stage and screen and light up our lives.

"In a world where most people play it safe, Shirley pushes the envelope, to pierce the veil which covers reality itself, to explore and to guide us to other dimensions. She has lived a life out on the limb, picking apples that most would fear to reach, and tonight, Shirley, you are harvesting an orchard."

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in celebrating Shirley MacLaine's extraordinary career and her attainment of the AFI's 40th Lifetime Achievement Award.

HONORING THE UNITED STATES ARMY MISSION AT TOBYHANNA

HON. TOM MARINO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2012

Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the U.S. Army Mission at Tobyhanna Army Depot in Tobyhanna, Pennsylvania, on the occasion of their 100th year of service to our nation.

Originally used as an artillery training field, Tobyhanna Army Depot has housed the United States Army since 1912. The current supply depot was built in 1953 and has served the U.S. Army ever since.

In its 100-year history, the U.S. Army has found numerous uses for the Army Depot as a Civilian Conservation Corps camp, tank and ambulance center for World War I, prisoner-of-war camp during World War II, and storage point for gliders used in the D-Day landings at Normandy in 1944.

Tobyhanna Army Depot itself has been a leader in the design, manufacture, and repair of many integral and state of the art U.S. Army systems and tools for nearly 60 years. Currently, it is the largest, full-service electronics maintenance facility within the Department of Defense.

Tobyhanna serves not only the U.S. Army but also the people of northeastern Pennsylvania by providing the single largest number of jobs and employment in the region.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the U.S. Army Mission at Tobyhanna Army Depot, and ask my colleagues to join me in praising their commitment to country and community.

HONORING EMILY E. RANDLE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Emily E. Randle. Emily is Raymond High School's Valedictorian at Raymond High School for the Class of 2012. She is the daughter of David and Ruth Randle of Utica, Mississippi.

Ms. Emily Randle has a 4.2 GPA and is enrolled in both advanced performance and accelerated classes. She has appeared numerous times on the Principal's List while in high school. Emily is also involved in extra-curricular activities. She is the President of the Senior Class, a member of the Beta Club, and a member of the Student Council.

Emily is very serious about continuing her education and has received several academic

scholarships from colleges and universities in the United States. She has also been selected as a National Achievement Scholarship Finalist, Clinton Alumni Chapter Scholarship Recipient, Rho Lambda Omega Alpha Kappa Alpha Scholarship Recipient, 2012 MS Scholars Award, and Outstanding Young Citizen for the Loyal Order of the Elks 2011.

Emily is also actively involved in extra-curricular activities such as, playing the trumpet in the Raymond High School Band, serving as the drum major for the 2011-2012 school year, and participating in both the Mid-South Honor Band for 2011 and the Capital District Honor Band. Emily is also a member of the Young People's Department at her church, Pearl Street AME Church.

After high school, Emily plans to attend Duke University in Durham, North Carolina. She intends to pursue a career in Intelligence Securities with hopes of becoming a research analyst for the Central Intelligence Agency, Federal Bureau of Investigations or the National Security Agency.

Mr. Speaker, I ask our colleagues to join me in honoring Ms. Emily E. Randle, Valedictorian of Raymond High School Class of 2012.

DOMESTIC ENERGY AND JOBS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4480) to provide for the development of a plan to increase oil and gas exploration, development, and production under oil and gas leases of Federal lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Secretary of Defense in response to a drawdown of petroleum reserves from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve:

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Chair, the bill that the House is considering contains a very troubling provision. It would place a \$5,000 fee on anyone who wants to protest a lease of federal lands.

The language in this legislation is very clear: it refers to this as a "protest fee" and it costs \$5,000. Clearly, a \$5,000 fee places a higher burden on citizens who might seek to delay or prevent oil and gas development.

Mr. Chair, my colleagues are well aware that the first amendment says that Congress shall make no law abridging the freedom to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

This fee violates that most basic freedom and it violates the spirit of the first amendment. My amendment, Number 13, offered by Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia as my designee, would fix that.

I am not a lawyer Mr. Chair, but I have experience in non-violent protest. I have experience in petitioning the government over a grievance. And I believe this provision is unconstitutional.

I have seen firsthand the power of the first amendment—The power of protest. My experience has taught me that this is our sacred right as Americans. It is a protection from oppression. It is a protection from tyranny and injustice. On more than one occasion, my