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Recently, Speaker JOHN A. BOEHNER and I had the pleasure of touring and meeting the newest employee-owners at SEL's headquarters in Pullman, Washington. The Speaker and I were touched by the sincerity and pride each of SEL's employees have in their work—a direct reflection of the Dr. Schweitzer's leadership.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to join me in congratulating one of America's great innovators and modern day pioneers, Dr. Edmund O. Schweitzer, III, on receiving the 2012 Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Medal in Power Engineering.

HONORING MRS. CAROLYN B. PARKS

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 29, 2012

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation:

Whereas, the lives of many have been touched by the life of one—Mrs. Carolyn B. Parks; and

Whereas, Mrs. Carolyn B. Parks is the District I Vice President of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA), she has been and continues to be involved in promoting business and community by informing, educating and giving support to our citizens in our District; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents for the betterment of our community through her tireless works, words of encouragement and empowerment; and

Whereas, Mrs. Carolyn B. Parks has given DeKalb County and the Metropolitan Atlanta area, tools that enhance lives, supports our youth, protect our seniors and promotes our community businesses; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Mrs. Carolyn B. Parks for her outstanding leadership and service to our District;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim July 27, 2012 as Carolyn B. Parks Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 27th day of July, 2012.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 29, 2012

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I was detained on June 20, 2012, and was unable to be on the House floor to vote. Had I been there, I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall 389: H. Res. 691, On Ordering the Previous Question: "yes."

Rollcall 390: H. Res. 691, Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4480: "yes."

Rollcall 391: Walz of Minnesota Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 4348: "yes."

CONGRATULATING LIEUTENANT COMMANDER ZACHARY DANIEL MERRITT

HON. TODD RUSSELL PLATTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 29, 2012

Mr. PLATTS. Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to offer my heartiest congratulations to Lieutenant Commander Zachary Daniel Merritt of the United States Navy on his recent promotion. This is certainly a momentous occasion and one worthy of great commendation.

Lieutenant Commander Merritt was born and raised in my hometown of York, Pennsylvania. He graduated from the Naval Reserves Officer Training Corps at Penn State University with a Bachelor's Degree in nuclear engineering. He was commissioned at Penn State in December 2004.

Lieutenant Commander Merritt served his junior officer tour aboard the U.S.S. *Michigan* and later served on the faculty of the Naval Submarine School, where he earned the distinction of "Instructor of the Year." He currently serves as the Engineer aboard the U.S.S. *Alexandria*.

Lieutenant Commander Merritt's outstanding record of service to our country is certainly worthy of great praise. All Americans are forever indebted to him and his family for their dedicated service and deep commitment to our country. I am certain that Lieutenant Commander Merritt's fellow citizens, family, friends and colleagues join me congratulating him on his recent promotion.

RECOMMENDING THAT ATTORNEY GENERAL ERIC HOLDER BE FOUND IN CONTEMPT OF CONGRESS

SPEECH OF

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 28, 2012

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, for the first time in the history of the House of Representatives, the House Majority has brought a contempt vote against the Attorney General of the United States, even though he has complied with federal law. This act is purely political and unnecessary.

Chairman ISSA has admitted that he has no evidence that the Attorney General authorized, condoned, or was even aware of Operation Fast and Furious, nor does he have any evidence of wrongdoing. Rather, the evidence shows that as soon as the Attorney General was aware of the gunwalking program he immediately halted it and ordered an investigation by the Office of the Inspector General. To date, the Attorney General has provided thousands of pages of documents and testified before Congress nine times. The House Majority's unprecedented political attack, despite any evidence of wrongdoing, flies in the face of our justice system and is a disservice to the American people.

The death of Border Patrol Agent Brian Terry is tragic, and the criminals responsible for his death should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Sadly, the goal of today's vote is not to bring justice for Agent Terry, secure our border, eliminate illegal guns, or even uphold the law. Today's vote is an attempt to discredit the President of the United States and the Attorney General through whatever means necessary, with no regard to evidence, a fair process, or the truth.

The American people want Congress to focus on growing the economy. If Congress does not act by the end of this year, taxes will rise on every American, and the government will face massive budget cuts that our economy cannot afford. The House should be focused on creating jobs for Americans, not ending the tenure of the Attorney General.

IN HONOR OF THE RETIREMENT OF GAIL MILLAR

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 29, 2012

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, my colleague, Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin, and I would like to take a moment to recognize the career and the retirement of Gail Millar, the General Counsel for the House Budget Committee, and to thank her for the service she has provided to not just the Committee, but to the Congress and the United States of America in a wide variety of roles. Ms. Millar is retiring after more than three decades of dedicated service to our Nation as an employee of the Federal Government.

In 1981, she began her time on Capitol Hill by joining the Senate Budget Committee under Senator Pete Domenici and became Chief Counsel. She went from there to the Senate Parliamentarian's Office and stayed there from 1984 through 1988. After the departure of the Senate Parliamentarian, Bob Dove, she took on the enormous responsibility in 1987 as First Assistant to the new Parliamentarian, Alan Frumin. He has characterized her as a "great colleague, smart, courageous, reliable, loyal, and tough as nails."

When she announced that she was leaving the office, Majority Leader Robert C. Byrd made a personal appeal for her to stay with the Office.

Even so, soon after, Ms. Millar began as an assistant counsel for the Congressional Budget Office, rising to General Counsel during her stay there, which lasted from 1989 to 2000. Ms. Millar's area of expertise was budget scorekeeping and working with budget analysts and program analysts on budget issues.

She also served from 2000 to 2002 as clerk for the Subcommittee on Commerce, State, Justice, the Judiciary and Related Agencies at the House Committee on Appropriations. After that position, she worked from 2002 to 2005 as associate director for budget policy and management in the Office of Technical Assistance at the Department of the Treasury, a job in which she and her staff advised governments around the world about how to put in place budget processes and procedures to advance their nations.

In 2005, she began serving as Chief Counsel to the Senate Budget Committee before

leaving to work for the House Budget Committee as General Counsel in 2007.

As Counsel to both the House and Senate Budget Committees, Ms. Millar has been dedicated to the proper interpretation of the law, the drafting of bills and amendments, and the development of important concepts related to those laws.

Throughout her public service, she has fearlessly advocated to preserve the integrity of the budget process and the principles of the House and Senate.

For all of the outstanding work she has done in her 32-year career, her greatest accomplishments and her proudest achievements are her two children, Joe and Jeanne.

We deeply appreciate Gail Millar's long service to Congress and to the Executive Branch, which has been manifested in so many ways and in so many roles. We will truly miss the wisdom that she brings to her work. We wish her the best in her retirement and in her new opportunity to spend more time with her family and friends.

TRIBUTE TO ERNESTINE CORNETT

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 29, 2012

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ernestine Cornett, in honor of her retirement after dedicating nearly 30 years to WYMT-TV, a CBS-affiliate in Hazard, Kentucky, providing continuous news coverage and serving as a tireless ambassador for southern and eastern Kentucky.

With Ernestine Cornett at the helm of WYMT as General Manager, hundreds of thousands of families gained access to local, live-remote news coverage in southern and eastern Kentucky with the station's first satellite truck. Over the years, WYMT-TV has also answered the call for more than news coverage. To promote higher attainment rates for college degrees, Ernestine led the way for thousands of students in the region to gain access to college scholarships through fundraising efforts by the station. In the midst of flooding, tornadoes and other natural disasters, the station has provided staff and airtime for numerous telethons to raise money to give back to families and communities in dire need. During the holidays, WYMT also promotes food and donation drives to make sure the less fortunate have something to celebrate.

Ernestine Cornett is also a model for women in business in rural communities. Starting in the commercial traffic department at WYMT more than two decades ago, Ernestine worked her way up the ladder to general manager in 1990 through her loyalty to the region, integrity in decision-making, her astute leadership, and pure hard work. The station's call letters, WYMT, stand for "We're Your Mountain Television" and it's Ernestine's passion for connecting and improving the region that have served as hallmarks for the station's mission.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring a leader and dear friend of southern and eastern Kentucky, Ernestine Cornett, on her retirement. My wife, Cynthia and I wish Ernestine and her family all the best in the years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 29, 2012

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent for a vote on June 26th 2012. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

Rollcall No. 416—On Agreeing to the Amendment (Connolly of Virginia Amendment) "yes."

CONGRATULATING THE MIAMI HEAT

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 29, 2012

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Miami Heat on its 2011–2012 National Basketball Association (NBA) Championship. The Miami Heat's journey to its second championship is a testament to teamwork and selflessness. In honor of their remarkable season and leadership in my community, I submit the following poem, written by Albert Carey Caswell.

THE HEAT IS ON,

FEEL . . . FEEL THE HEAT!

IN HONOR OF THE WORLD CHAMPIONS
THE MIAMI HEAT

THE HEAT IS ON, FEEL . . . FEEL THE HEAT!

(By Albert Carey Caswell)

THUNDER and HEAT!

When two forces of nature so meet!

But only one can so hold that title so very sweet?

As World Champions, as out into a future which so speaks!

Feel . . . Feel The Heat!

"WADE" a minute, your over your head . . . so very deep!

Something so fast and so furious that no one can beat!

Like a Category 5 Hurricane coming at you, up from the beach!

You better get your children inside, because this title is so out of reach!

Feel! Feel The Heat!

It begins . . . with a little boy with a ball in hand. . .

As into the wee hours of the night he now so stands . . .

Shot after shot, rebound after rebound, as he takes command!

Dreaming that Dream, that once so began!

To walk upon that hardwood, and so see and so feel the crowd . . .

To play in the NBA, all of those sights and so sounds!

As it all so begins with that first basketball, The Round!

Pee wee leagues, elementary, pick up games, middle and high school ball!

And just maybe a college so comes to call . . .

And then The Pro's, The Greatest of All!

Oh how I wonder, if all of this Dr. Naismith saw?

And for many, this dream but so gives them that chance!

To leave a life of heartache and poverty, and to so advance!

To go to March Madness, and The Big Dance . . .

And to get an education, and have a life and make future plans!

And yet still for some, even greater dreams may so advance!

To play in The NBA!

And then the greatest of all of them,

That One Golden Chance!

To be a World Champion,

and wear that crown and ring and so dance!

And so reside at The Top of Round Ball,

oh what a romance!

That of a World Champion, to so take that most lofty stance!

For only a very few will ever be in such a circumstance!

For these are sheer men of might!

Who fly through the air almost at the speed of light!

Who jump high above those backboards all on game night!

With such catlike reflexes and speed, to the crowds to ignite!

Even Spider Man could learn lessons from them all about flight!

The ones who can shoot the eyes out of basket going left or right!

And who will wear this most hallowed crown, so very bright?

And earn that great title of World Champions, this night!

THUNDER AND HEAT!

When two forces of nature on the hardwood so meet!

Something's got to give, THUNDER AND HEAT!

And after last year's loss they had down graded, The Heat!

But, this year's version . . .

according to The Book of King James, "hunt it . . . hunt it" was ready to compete!

As they took that loss and planted it all in their hearts so very deep!

As day in and day out they so strived for that title to seek!

AS THE THREE AVENGERS AND THE TEAM,

ALL CAME TOGETHER AT WARP SPEED!

THE BIG THREE, WHAT HELL TRULY CAN BE!

Melding into a perfect storm,

in the NBA to create such havoc, to reek!

Making grown men so weep!

AS IT WAS JUDGEMENT DAY!

AS THIS TIME THEY WERE PLAYING FOR KEEPS!

A New Kid in town, Durant and his Thunder at the OK Corral!

When, The James Gang came riding into town!

Two of the best ball slingers in the NBA to be found!

But they were ambushed in game one, as The Heat went down!

As Dwayne said "WADE, A MINUTE . . . WADE A MINUTE NOW!"

And King James said, "its' not OK, we're going to be wearing that crown!"

And he said, "you won't get this title sooner, much later now!"

And BOSH, put it into high gear . . . high performance so now!

As The Heat evened the series,

and cried that me to Miami. . . were heading South!

As it was Mano v Mano,

LeBron and Durant who would so bow?

Even Spider Man wishes he could be like LeBron,

someway. . . or somehow!

Maybe if he goes to his basketball camp,

King James will show him just how!

A question asked, "did LeBron, really turn that role of Spider Man down?"

As the next three games, were all so insane. . .

As THE HEAT said feel my pain!

With a wave of DEFENSE, that washed The Thunder out!

As this Hurricane's intensity grew so, and how!