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L.L. Bean has since grown to become a global retail giant. The company achieved over \$1.52 billion in sales last year while providing over 4,900 full-time jobs. Shoppers can visit any one of the retail or outlet stores located throughout the United States and Japan, or purchase quality products online. Despite its success in appealing to consumers from all over the world, L.L. Bean is beloved for retaining its uniquely Maine character.

From July 4th to 7th, L.L. Bean will be celebrating its 100th anniversary with music, parades, and a fireworks display. I am pleased to be one of the countless individuals throughout Maine who will be congratulating L.L. Bean, and all of its employees, on achieving this impressive milestone.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating L.L. Bean on its tremendous success over the last 100 years.

HONORING SENATOR MARGARITA PRENTICE ON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE WASHINGTON STATE SENATE

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 29, 2012

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Margarita Prentice as she retires from the Washington State Senate after 24 years of distinguished public service. Representing Washington's 11th Legislative District, her constituents included residents of Seattle, Renton, and SeaTac.

Senator Prentice's voice as a healthcare champion has been invaluable and has bettered our community. She previously worked as a registered nurse at Valley Medical Center and in recognition of her career in public service and leadership, the Emergency Services Tower at Valley Medical Center is named in her honor.

The Senator's contributions have been recognized by many throughout the years. She has dedicated countless hours of hard work on behalf of her constituents in the 11th District and all of Washington State. She has been recognized as the 2008 Children's Advocate by the Pediatric Interim Care Center and in 2007 was named by the Community Health Care Network of Washington as their Health Care Champion. She has also been named Legislator of the Year by the Washington State Nurses Association and Washington State Dental Hygienists Association.

Mr. Speaker, it is with respect and great pleasure that I recognize the work Senator Prentice has done for Washington State's 11th Legislative District.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 29, 2012

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent for a vote in the House chamber on June 21, 2012. Had I been

present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall vote 411.

I was also unavoidably absent in the House Chamber for one vote on June 26, 2012. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 414, 416 and 419 and "nay" on rollcall votes 412, 413, 415, 417, 418, 420, 421, 422 and 423.

HONORING EZEKIEL DEMPSEY

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 29, 2012

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

Whereas, the birth of Ezekiel Dempsey in the state of North Carolina in the 1800's began the Dempsey family lineage which has blessed us with descendants that have helped to shape our nation; and

Whereas, the Dempsey Family has produced many well respected citizens and the patriarchs and matriarchs of the Dempsey Family are pillars of strength that have touched many throughout our nation, family members of the past and present such as Rev. Tom Dempsey, Stephen Dempsey, William Dempsey, James Dempsey and Sarah Dempsey; and

Whereas, in our beloved Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, we are honored to have members of the Dempsey family for they are some of our most beloved citizens in our District; and

Whereas, family is one of the most honored and cherished institutions in the world, we take pride in knowing that families such as the Dempsey family have set aside this time to fellowship with each other, honor one another and to pass along history to each other by meeting at this year's family reunion in DeKalb County, Georgia; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the Dempsey family;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim June 8, 2012 as Dempsey Family Reunion Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 8th day of June, 2012.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE RACHEL CARSON NATURE TRAIL DESIGNATION ACT OF 2012

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 29, 2012

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I am introducing the Rachel Carson Nature Trail Designation Act of 2012 to recognize Rachel Carson, an environmental pioneer and inspiration for the development of environmental consciousness and the environmental movement, best known for her groundbreaking book *Silent Spring*. September marks the fiftieth anniversary of the publication of *Silent Spring*, which has been translated into more than a dozen foreign languages. My bill designates a National Park Service trail in the District of Columbia in honor of Rachel Carson.

Ms. Carson was born on May 27, 1907, on a farm in Springdale, Pennsylvania, graduated magna cum laude with a biology degree from the Pennsylvania College for Women (later Chatham College), and received a full scholarship that enabled her to obtain a master's degree in marine zoology from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. A world-renowned environmental scientist, writer, and educator, Ms. Carson worked as a writer, editor, and ultimately Editor-in-Chief for the U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife Service's publications department.

Ms. Carson lived in a city, not in the wilderness or in rural America. She accomplished much of her seminal professional work as a federal employee at the U.S. Department of the Interior in the District. She often used the Glover Archbold Park in the District as a site from which she drew observations about nature and the environment. She performed research on dangers of pesticides, and her findings were sustained by the Science Advisory Committee, created during President John F. Kennedy's administration. As a result, federal and state legislatures enacted pesticide legislation. Her work paved the way for groundbreaking environmental protection legislation throughout the world.

Ms. Carson was inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Letters and received many other honors. She died on April 14, 1964, in Silver Spring, Maryland, leaving a rich legacy that will continue to benefit present and future generations well beyond the fiftieth anniversary of *Silent Spring*.

My bill serves to commemorate Rachel Carson for her tireless efforts to make the District of Columbia, the United States, and, indeed, the world a better and safer place for us all. The trail designated by the bill, located in the NPS's Glover Archbold Park in the District of Columbia, will be known as the "Rachel Carson Nature Trail." The bill ensures that Rachel Carson's contributions, many of which resulted from observations in Glover Park, will be remembered and treasured for years to come.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

I CANNOT SUPPORT A TAINTED PROCESS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 29, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because I cannot support a tainted process. Congress generally, and the Oversight and Government Reform Committee specifically, has the duty and obligation to provide effective oversight. Congress should not be interrupted in that process, but neither should that process be sullied.

Under the Constitution, Congress has the authority to compel testimony and issue subpoenas. When the President of the United States exercises the right of Executive Privilege and there is a dispute over whether that exercise is a valid one, the matter should then be referred to the courts. I have stated this publicly and frequently. While Congress has the authority to compel the information being protected by the Presidential exercise of privilege, the process by which H.R. 706 has been brought to the floor has been tainted.

I voted for the Motion to Refer brought by Congressman JOHN DINGELL which called for a real investigation. The Majority on the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform rejected all Democratic witnesses. They would not allow Michael Mukasey, former Attorney General, and Kenneth Melson, former director of the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to testify before the Committee. While Congress has the authority take this to the courts, it is premature to use this authority before a full investigation has been conducted.

Secondly, I cannot support the injudicious context in which H.R. 706 finds its way before us today. This could be a meritorious process, but it has been tainted with partisan vitriol. This takes a fundamental right of Congress and propels it into a realm of partisan action with wild charges and abuse of power. There have been charges of Presidential cover-up, despite the Chairman of the Committee admitting there is no such evidence.

Both parties should have been able to work this out before we got to this situation. This is not how Congress should have proceeded. I cannot dignify a tainted process. I have joined my colleagues in abstaining from voting, on H.R. 706 as well H.R. 711.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LEADERSHIP OF HIGHLAND VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF LONNIE TATUM

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 29, 2012

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Highland Village Fire Department Chief Lonnie Tatum. Chief Tatum has spent over 42 years in public service; he began his notable career as a Firefighter/Paramedic for the City of Nacogdoches, advancing through the ranks over the next 32 years serving as Driver/Operator, Lieutenant, Captain and Arson Investigator. In 2001, he began his ten year tenure as Fire Chief at the City of Highland Village, Texas.

Chief Tatum is a graduate of the National Fire Academy and attended St. Edwards University, Angelina College and graduated from Weatherford College with a degree in Fire Service Administration. He holds Masters Level Certifications from the Texas Commission on Fire Protection, the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement and the Texas Department of Public Safety.

On numerous occasions, he has been recognized for his expertise in fire administration and personal dedication as a firefighter. Chief Tatum was chosen by the Angelina College Board of Regents to establish a Fire Academy and Training Facility at Angelina College in Lufkin, Texas, serving as Director for five years. He also served as Regional Faculty for the American Heart Association CPR training program at Stephen F. Austin University in Nacogdoches, Texas. In 1992, he was recognized as "Outstanding Firefighter" of the year, and in 1994, he received the department's Medal of Valor.

Under his laudable direction, the Highland Village Fire Department has expanded from all volunteer to a professional full-time staff com-

prised of fifteen Firefighters/Paramedics and additional administrative personnel. The Highland Village Fire Department has garnered recognition reflective of Chief Tatum's capable direction; in 2006, the Highland Village Fire Department was awarded an ISO Classification of 2 and celebrated the grand opening of their new state-of-the-art Central Fire Station in May 2008.

After a decade as Highland Village Fire Chief, Chief Tatum's bravery and dedication to the safety and well being of his community will be greatly missed; his positive contributions will continue long past his retirement. It is my pleasure to recognize Highland Village Fire Chief Lonnie Tatum, and I am privileged to represent the City of Highland Village in the U.S. House of Representatives.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF NORMAN F. LENT

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 29, 2012

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and accomplishments of a statesman and a friend, former Member of Congress Norman "Norm" F. Lent, who passed away on June 11th.

Norm was born March 23, 1931 in Oceanside, NY on Long Island. He graduated from Hofstra University in 1952 and in 1957 got his law degree from Cornell University. After serving in the Navy for two years and achieving the rank of Lieutenant, Norm worked as a lawyer in private practice in Lynbrook, New York beginning in 1957, and served as an Associate Police Justice in East Rockaway in 1959–60. He then worked as the Confidential Law Secretary (law clerk) to New York State Supreme Court Justice Thomas P. Farley from 1960–62.

After leaving the private sector in 1962, Lent was elected to the New York State Senate from Nassau County, and served from 1963 until 1970, when he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives.

During his long tenure in the U.S. House of Representatives, Norm served on the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, ultimately becoming the ranking minority member of both committees often being cited as a "key player in environmental and energy legislation."

To Norm's wife Barbara and children, Barbara and Norman we extend our deepest sympathies.

Norm truly made an indelible mark on our nation and he leaves a proud and distinguished legacy. Mr. Speaker, I ask all Members of the U.S. House of Representatives join me in recognizing Norman Lents' years of service and dedication to his community, state and our Nation.

HONORING JULIA ANN SNELL

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, One hundred five years ago a virtuous woman of God was born in Buena Vista, Alabama on July 1, 1907; and

Whereas, Mrs. Julia Ann Snell was born Julia Ann Holt to Mr. Daniel and Mrs. Ilean Holt, she was educated in the local school system in Alabama, married Mr. Tim Wilson in Mobile, Alabama and was a homemaker and a store clerk at their grocery store until Mr. Wilson preceded her in death; She later married Mr. Nathaniel Snell and lived in California until Mr. Snell preceded her in death, after Mr. Snell's passing, she moved back to Mobile, Alabama and eventually to Decatur, Georgia; and

Whereas, this Phenomenal Proverbs 31 woman has shared her time and talents as a Wife, Sister, Aunt and Motivator, giving the citizens of Georgia a person of great worth, a fearless leader and a servant to all who wants to advance the lives of others; and

Whereas, Mrs. Snell has been blessed with a long, happy life, devoted to God and credits it all to the Will of God; and

Whereas, Mrs. Snell along with her family and friends are celebrating this day a remarkable milestone, her 105th Birthday, we pause to acknowledge a woman who is a cornerstone in our community in DeKalb County, Georgia; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Mrs. Snell on her birthday and to wish her well and recognize her for an exemplary life which is an inspiration to all;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim July 1, 2012 as Mrs. Julia Ann Snell Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 1st day of July, 2012.

TRIBUTE TO WHEELER COUNTY JUDGE JEANNE BURCH

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 29, 2012

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker I rise today to recognize the tremendous, longtime, and diverse public service of a leader who lives and works in the heart of Oregon's Second District, Wheeler County Judge Jeanne Burch. Judge Burch has served as Wheeler County Judge since 1994 but began serving her County long before that. Mr. Speaker, I have enjoyed working with her and I will miss her service and so will Wheeler County.

Judge Burch lives in the town of Fossil, the county seat of Wheeler County which has a total population of around 1,400 people. Wheeler County is one of Oregon's most geographically diverse counties—it's a rugged place home to Oregon's most unique John Day Fossil Beds, two national forests, and the iconic John Day River which runs right through the middle of it. Judge Burch has seen days when her county has thrived from the economic benefits generated by the adjacent forests. And she's been there when things haven't been so good as the forest sector was forced to a halt and those jobs and benefits disappeared. Regardless, good times or bad, Judge Burch has been there to lead her county when they needed her most.