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We have fought side-by-side with Korean soldiers in Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan, and Korea has been a reliable diplomatic ally as we seek peace and stability in Northeast Asia and elsewhere around the world.

Mr. Speaker, that last year I had the opportunity to travel to Korea to meet with political and military leaders and with business executives. The hospitality I encountered was remarkable. My hosts were gracious and informative, and being "on the ground" helped me to understand how the U.S.—Korea partnership works so well and, indeed, how it endures.

I urge my colleagues to join me in saluting our Korean allies on this 62th anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War. More than six decades have passed but the sacrifices of our American soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines as well as the untold sacrifices of the Korean people have not and will not be forgotten.

IN HONOR OF THE ITALIAN CULTURAL GARDEN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 29, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Italian Cultural Garden, a Cleveland landmark that will be dedicating a statue of the great author Dante Alighieri and celebrating the 66th anniversary of the Republic of Italy on June 29, 2012.

The 254 acre piece of land that constitutes Rockefeller Park was donated to the City of Cleveland by John D. Rockefeller in 1896. The Cleveland Cultural Gardens were founded in 1926 to create a memorial area for the diverse ethnic groups that shape the region, and to serve as a space for reflection on peace, cooperation and understanding. The Cultural Gardens are currently a collection of 26 gardens which include African-American, American Indian, British, Chinese, Czech, Estonian, and Slovenian gardens, among others.

The Italian Cultural Garden was established in 1930 "as a symbol of the contribution of Italian culture to American democracy." It lies in Rockefeller Park among 35 other cultural gardens representing the diverse ethnic populations of Cleveland. The Italian Garden is the most-visited of all the gardens and is the venue of various free concerts.

The Italian Cultural Garden has been in the process of a massive restoration since 2007. The garden was enhanced with new historic lampposts, new fountains and new statues. More renovations are planned for the future.

Currently, the garden honors noteworthy figures in Italian history, including Giotto, Michelangelo, and Guglielmo Marconi. The addition of Dante Alighieri, the author of *The Divine Comedy* and a master of the Italian language, will pay tribute to this outstanding Italian and symbolize the contributions of Cleveland's Italian community. The ceremony will be hosted by the Italian Cultural Garden Foundation.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the Italian Cultural Garden, a historic landmark and tribute to Cleveland's beloved Italian community.

IN HONOR OF MASTER SERGEANT
JOSEPH J. DUFFY

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 29, 2012

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Master Sergeant Joseph J. Duffy's induction to the Air Force Communications and Information Hall of Fame. His service to this country spanned over 42 years from 1955 to 1997. He started as a Crypto Operator and trained over 75 personnel in Crypto Operations.

While stationed at Tan Son Nhut in Vietnam, he was responsible for the second largest COMSEC account. During his second tour in Vietnam, he was tasked with terminating all communications activities within 90 days; this was completed in less than 80 days. Due to this exemplary performance, he was assigned to RAF Bruggen, Germany as Site Commander; he was the only Tech Sergeant to achieve this distinction.

His final Air Force assignment was at HQ SAC where he attained the rank of Master Sergeant and was the COMSEC Manager for 12 AF Special Security Offices. Thanks to his unique experience and skill set, MSgt. Duffy was appointed as the Foreign Service Communications Officer for the State Department. His first three assignments were high value hardship postings to Moscow, Beijing and Berlin. He followed that up with a tour in Sydney, Australia.

His outstanding performance resulted in him being assigned to State Department HQ as the COMSEC Manager for over 70 overseas significant activities. MSgt. Duffy has earned numerous decorations including the Bronze Star, the Air Force Commendation Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Outstanding Unit Award with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters with the "V" device, the Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palms, and State Department Superior and Meritorious Honor Awards.

MSGT Duffy's service to the nation has continued into his retirement. He has spent his retirement volunteering with the Warrior Games. The Warrior Games was created in 2010 as an introduction to Paralympics for injured service members and veterans and has since developed into a premier military program under the United States Olympic Committee. I applaud MSgt. Duffy for his tireless service to our country and I offer my sincere congratulations for his induction to the Air Force Communications and Information Hall of Fame.

ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL'S 150TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ROBERT T. SCHILLING

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 29, 2012

Mr. SCHILLING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to wish the Rock Island Arsenal in the 17th District of Illinois a happy 150th Birthday.

An act of Congress in 1809 first established the Rock Island facility as a military reservation. In 1862 Congress officially established Rock Island Arsenal as a facility for the deposit and repair of military materiel in a bill

that President Abraham Lincoln signed into law on July 11, 1862.

This Arsenal has provided equipment for our military in every major conflict since the Spanish-American War. It has supported our Army's readiness in times of both peace and war. I am proud of the work that the men and women at Rock Island Arsenal have done and are still doing because they have played a role in making our military become the best in the world.

In addition to supporting our troops and contributing our national defense capabilities, the Rock Island Arsenal has taken an active role in job creation and economic development in our region. For that reason, I am proud to be an original cosponsor of a resolution by Congressman DAVE LOEBSACK that recognizes and honors this great facility.

I am also proud to have worked hard for the Rock Island Arsenal with Congressman LOEBSACK on getting important provisions in the Fiscal Year 2012 and 2013 National Defense Authorization Acts that will help strengthen this national treasure and recognize the critical manufacturing capability of the organic base. I will continue to support this important facility.

I want to thank the past and current men and women of the Rock Island Arsenal for everything they have done for the Army and our country as a whole and I want to wish them a Happy Birthday. Here is to 150 more years.

RECOMMENDING THAT ATTORNEY GENERAL ERIC HOLDER BE FOUND IN CONTEMPT OF CON- GRESS

SPEECH OF

HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 28, 2012

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Mr. Speaker, I am disheartened by the Republican majority's decision to hold Attorney General Eric Holder in contempt and am deeply concerned with the partisan basis of this investigation.

For the first time in the history of the United States House of Representatives, a Cabinet official, in this case an Attorney General has been held in contempt of Congress—simply for doing his job. This act is a deliberate misuse of power which I hope will be challenged.

In the previous sessions of Congress, the Oversight Committee has been a watchdog, ensuring that our Government works as effectively and efficiently as possible. Whether it was investigating our government's failed response to Hurricane Katrina, or investigating our government's role in the financial crisis, the Oversight Committee has been at the forefront of issues that concern the American people.

However, during this 112th Congress, the Oversight Committee's leadership has pressed for an investigation, requesting irrelevant documents, and narrowly focusing his inquiries on the current Attorney General's continuation of a program established long before his tenure.

Attorney General Holder has cooperated with the Oversight Committee's investigation, providing thousands of documents on the operation. However, after finding no wrongdoing, the Oversight Committee's leadership remains

unsatisfied with its investigation into the Department of Justice.

This political showboating has forced the President to get involved and invoke executive privilege, an implied Constitutional power given to the President, because the Framers deemed it important that the President and his Officers were given the freedom to act candidly under certain circumstances, primarily with regard to foreign policy and national security.

Our system of government depends on a separation of powers that allows Congress to enact laws and the President to execute these laws, as mandated by Article 1 and Article 2 of the Constitution. The Republican majority in the House of Representatives has decided to interfere with the authority of the Attorney General, who was appointed by President Obama and confirmed by a bipartisan majority of the Senate, to implement policy.

In addition, the vote to hold Attorney General Holder in contempt indicates that many in Congress are more interested in preventing President Obama and the officials he has appointed from fulfilling their duties than in talking about the issues that matter to the American people.

We are not debating proposals to create jobs today. We are not debating immigration reform. Why? Republicans have decided to investigate the internal deliberations of the Department of Justice, a 15-month investigation that has not revealed any misconduct—an investigation by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform with which Attorney General Holder has cooperated. This vote creates a dangerous precedent for the future.

This is not the time for politics or games. We have all taken an oath to serve the American people and today's vote is a disservice to the women and men whose interests have been repeatedly ignored. I am certain that the millions of Americans, who want to restore our economic prosperity, share my disappointment.

With this in mind, I urge all of my colleagues, on both sides of the aisle, to walk out in opposition to or oppose the vote to hold Attorney General Eric Holder in contempt. Cooperation between Congress and the Executive Branch, as a matter of national security, should not be a partisan issue.

HONORING MARY THERESA
JOHNSON

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, Forty-two years ago a young woman accepted her calling to serve in the Health Care System as a Nurse; and

Whereas, Ms. Mary Theresa Johnson began her nursing career in Wilmington, Delaware and this year she retires from nursing at the Shepherd Spinal Center in Atlanta, Georgia, she has served the Health Care System well and our community has been blessed through her service; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents as a Nurse, Mother and Motivator, giving the citizens of Georgia

a person of great worth, a fearless leader, a devoted professional and a servant to all who want to advance the lives of others through medicine; and

Whereas, Ms. Johnson is formally retiring from her nursing career today, she will continue to promote healthy living because she is a cornerstone in our community that has enhanced the lives of thousands for the betterment of our District and Nation; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Ms. Mary Theresa Johnson on her retirement and to wish her well in her new endeavors;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR. do hereby proclaim May 26, 2012 as Ms. Mary Theresa Johnson Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 26th day of May, 2012.

RECOGNIZING BONNEVILLE POWER
ADMINISTRATION ADMINISTRATOR
AND CEO STEVE
WRIGHT ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 29, 2012

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) Administrator and Chief Executive Officer, Steve Wright, on his upcoming retirement. He has served as Administrator of the BPA for over a decade and is the second-longest serving administrator in the organization's history.

Mr. Wright joined BPA in 1981 in the agency's conservation office. From this entry-level position he became the permanent BPA Administrator in February of 2002 after serving as Acting Administrator since late 2000.

Mr. Wright began his tenure as head of the BPA at the beginning of the West Coast energy crisis in 2000 and 2001. He successfully avoided electrical blackouts in the Pacific Northwest by reducing spot market purchases, which helped return BPA to financial stability. He also worked to negotiate and preserve the hydropower system and bring more renewable resources to the region.

His leadership of BPA has been based on collaboration and transparency. Steve's work to reach out to customers, tribes, and stakeholders resulted in the highest ever customer, constituent, and tribal satisfaction scores. By opening up the financial and decision-making process to the public he increased transparency and reduced internal inefficiencies, saving millions of dollars.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I recognize the career of Steve Wright. His leadership and dedication to Bonneville Power Administration has had an astounding impact on the lives of everyone living in the Pacific Northwest. I wish him the best in all of his future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 29, 2012

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, on June 6, 2012, I was unavoidably detained and was un-

able to record my vote for rollcall Nos. 414–423. Had I been present I would have voted:

Rollcall No. 414: "yes"—On Hoyer of Maryland Motion to Instruct Conferees; rollcall No. 415: "no"—On Black Tennessee Motion to Instruct Conferees; rollcall No. 416: "yes"—Connolly of Virginia Amendment; rollcall No. 417: "no"—McClintock of California Amendment; rollcall No. 418: "no"—Garrett of New Jersey Amendment; rollcall No. 419: "yes"—Capps of California Amendment; rollcall No. 420: "no"—Gosar of Arizona Amendment; rollcall No. 421: "no"—First Broun of Georgia Amendment; rollcall No. 422: "no"—Second Broun of Georgia Amendment; rollcall No. 423: "no"—Fourth Broun of Georgia Amendment.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 85TH
BIRTHDAY OF MR. LAWRENCE
WRIGHT JORDAN, SR.

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 29, 2012

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to extend my personal congratulations and happy birthday wishes to Mr. Lawrence Wright Jordan, Sr., who will turn 85 years of age on July 8, 2012. On this day, he will be honored by his family and friends at a celebration at Crawford County Board of Education Auditorium in Roberta, Georgia at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Jordan, the second of nine children, was born on July 8, 1927, to Mattie Lee (Barnes) Jordan and Graham Jordan, Sr. in Roberta, Georgia. He started working at a young age and served as the "house boy" for the family whose land his own family lived on.

As he grew up, Mr. Jordan had a great desire to serve his country and wanted to enlist in the United States Army at age 18. However, he was required to wait as his older brother was in the Navy and his mother did not want two sons in the military at the same time. He was finally able to enter the Army at the age of 25.

In the 1950s, Mr. Jordan served two tours of duty in the Korean War before receiving honorable discharges from the Army. He is one of the very few Korean War Veterans still alive today.

On October 11, 1958, Mr. Jordan married Anola Preston, also of Roberta, Georgia. They would go on to have six beautiful and loving children: Barbara Ann (Jordan) Snowden, Lawrence Wright Jordan, Jr., Linda Joyce Jordan, Sam Edward Jordan, Tammy Renee (Jordan) Jones, and John Howard Jordan as well as Shirlene Tennyson, who, sadly, passed away. Additionally, Mr. Jordan has 18 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

George Washington Carver once said, "How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong because someday in your life you will have been all of these." Mr. Jordan has advanced so far in life because he kept these lessons with him throughout his childhood, his service in the Army, and his adult life.

The race of life isn't given to the swift or to the strong, but to those who endure until the end. Mr. Jordan has run the race of life with