

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

grace and dignity and God has blessed him over his lifetime.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to Mr. Jordan, a distinguished veteran and beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.

IN TRIBUTE TO THE RONALD REAGAN PRESIDENTIAL FOUNDATION, WALT DISNEY COMPANY, AND THE "D23 PRESENTS TREASURES OF THE WALT DISNEY ARCHIVES"

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 29, 2012

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and the Walt Disney Company's D23, the Official Disney Fan Club, as they present an historic exhibit at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum in Simi Valley, California, titled, "D23 Presents Treasures of the Walt Disney Archives."

The exhibit, which opens on July 6, salutes Walt Disney, one of America's most revered men of imagination. D23, the Official Disney Fan Club will showcase the largest-ever exhibition of iconic props, costumes, artwork, and artifacts at the Presidential Library of our 40th president, who believed there are no limits to growth and human progress when men and women are free to follow their dreams.

Ronald Reagan and Walt Disney were American originals and eternal optimists who shared a belief in the essential goodness of the American way of life. Both grew up in the heartland of America during the early 1900s with hardworking, patriotic parents who believed that everything was part of God's plan. Next to his photograph in his high school yearbook, Reagan's outlook is captured in the expression: "Life is just one grand song, so start the music."

Both men moved to California in their 20s to pursue careers in entertainment. With deeply shared values and abundant talent, the friendship of the pioneering imagineer and actor/broadcaster began decades before Reagan went to Washington. In July 1955, Disney revolutionized family entertainment when he unveiled the Magic Kingdom, Disneyland, and asked Reagan to co-host ABC's television coverage of the historic event.

Disney joined the "Friends of Ronald Reagan" to encourage and promote Reagan's ideas about limited government and individual liberty during Reagan's first gubernatorial race in 1966. Reagan was hoping Disney would join his finance team in Sacramento but, sadly, Disney died just 16 days before Reagan's inauguration. In tribute, Governor Reagan successfully petitioned the U.S. Postal Service to create a stamp in Disney's honor.

During his presidency, Reagan visited Walt Disney World in Florida twice. In 1983, he promoted the President's International Youth Exchange Initiative in tandem with the World Showcase Fellowship Program, and encouraged students to "soar on the wings of invention and the winds of change."

In 1985, President and Mrs. Reagan celebrated a first at Walt Disney World by holding a "make-up" inaugural parade after the origi-

nal parade was cancelled due to severely cold weather. During his speech at that event, President Reagan honored the immense force for good that is found in the imagination of those who live in freedom and reminded us that Walt Disney personified the spirit of America, leading us to invent, to build, to envision, and to learn.

After leaving the Oval Office, one of President Reagan's first public events was a return to Disneyland, where he officiated at the park's January 1990, 35th anniversary celebration, proclaiming it "one of America's treasures."

It is a tribute to both men that this exhibition of Disney treasures will be open at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in honor of the bond between President Reagan and Walt Disney.

Mr. Speaker, Bob Iger, the chairman of The Walt Disney Company, which partnered with the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Library, continues Walt Disney's legacy. As chairman of Capital Cities/ABC television, he was an architect of the merger with Disney—a combination that has shaped and transformed the global media landscape. He has dedicated himself to fostering the creative vitality of the Disney organization and under his guidance The Walt Disney Company has become the world's largest media company.

Ronald Reagan was the first president I served under as a Member of Congress and his Presidential Library is less than a half-mile from my home. On a plane ride back to California, I met actor Fess Parker, who was catapulted to fame by playing Disney's Davey Crockett and was returning home after spending time with his friend Ronald Reagan at the White House. Fess Parker became a lifelong friend as well. Personally and as an American, I have a strong connection to this exhibit and the men it honors.

"D23 Presents Treasures of the Walt Disney Archives" celebrates the leadership, the accomplishments, the creative spirit and powerful legacies of two great American pioneers. Ronald Reagan ended the Cold War and reshaped the world. Walt Disney changed the face of family entertainment. And both men had a keen understanding of what you'd find at the "shining city on a hill": harmony, decency, wholesomeness, and homespun values that never have, and never will, go out of style.

IN TRIBUTE TO SERGEANT FIRST CLASS MATTHEW BRADFORD "BRAD" THOMAS

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 29, 2012

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, June 20, 2012, Sergeant First Class Matthew Bradford "Brad" Thomas, of Easley, South Carolina, was killed in action while serving in the South Carolina Army National Guard in Afghanistan. SFC Thomas attended Greenville Technical College after graduating from Travelers Rest High School.

SFC Thomas paid the ultimate sacrifice and served our country in the most honorable way. Without the dedication of our brave men and women serving in our Armed Forces, we

would not be able to enjoy the freedoms we hold so dear. SFC Thomas served to the highest standards of military service.

My thoughts and prayers are with wife, Jana, and their son Cayden, as well as his parents Charles "Bud" and Marsha Thomas. As a Guard veteran myself with four sons currently serving in the military, I particularly appreciate your extraordinary military family. Freedom is not free.

RECOGNIZING THE HEROIC EFFORTS OF THOSE FIGHTING THE WALDO CANYON FIRE

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 29, 2012

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank the heroic men and women who are battling the Waldo Canyon Fire. 1,200 firefighters from all over Colorado's 5th District and the nation have been fighting this fire around the clock since Saturday. They have been assisted by numerous law enforcement agencies who have managed an orderly and injury-free evacuation of 32,500 citizens.

The cooperation between all levels and branches of government has been seamless, coordinated, cooperative, and effective. One example is the use of military assets, such as C-130 MAFFS firefighting aircraft. These planes have dropped over 73,000 gallons of slurry on this fire in coordination with the highly skilled firefighting teams on the ground. Additionally, Fort Carson, Peterson Air Force Base, and Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station have contributed firefighters, support personnel, and air and ground equipment to assist in fighting and containing the fire along Highway 24 and on the Air Force Academy grounds.

The community response has been equally impressive. Shelters, food banks, and other charitable organizations have been overwhelmed by the generous donations of food and manpower. The Care and Share Food Bank has received hundreds of thousands of pounds of food and the Red Cross is doing extraordinary work at the shelters they are running throughout the District. Many homes have been lost and much work remains, but I know that we have the people and the resources we need to win this fight.

THE TUAREG REVOLT AND THE MALI COUP

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 29, 2012

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, this morning, my subcommittee held a hearing to examine current U.S. policy and U.S. policy options in response to the recent military coup in Mali and the larger revolt of the Tuareg people in northern Mali.

The Tuaregs have been in conflict with the central government in Bamako, Mali, for many years, but following the service of some Tuaregs as mercenaries for the late Muammar Qaddafi in Libya, the acquisition of more sophisticated weapons from the Libyan conflict