

Entrepreneurs and small businesses are engines of innovation and economic growth; the small businesses in my district are at the forefront of innovation. The diverse innovation of small businesses in my district from aerospace to healthcare will be able to expand market share with the support of these six key initiatives. I will continue to fight for legislation that will support the approximately 16,300 small businesses in my district.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend the Administration for taking the necessary steps to help small businesses expand their export programs and alleviate potential layoffs. I urge my colleagues to build upon the Administration's executive actions and provide more support for small businesses.

HONORING THE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD AND ARMED FORCES RESERVES

HON. KEVIN YODER

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2012

Mr. YODER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor all the members of our National Guard and Armed Forces Reserves who defend our nation at home and abroad, and to voice my support of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) program operated through the Department of Defense.

The ESGR provides education, consultation, and if necessary mediation for employers of Guard and Reserve employees. As the 1.3 million members of the National Guard and Reserve continue to perform an increasing number of unique missions within America's borders and beyond, ESGR will continue to be the resource for the employers of citizen warriors.

Members of the National Guard and Reserve bring a strong work ethic, leadership and specialized skills to the civilian workplace, and hiring veterans is a great way employers can show their appreciation for the service and sacrifice of our military men and women.

Mr. Speaker, I stand in support of ESGR and their mission to assure that all American employers support and value the employment and military service of members of the National Guard and Reserve forces.

IN CELEBRATION OF RICE UNIVERSITY'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2012

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the hundred-year anniversary of the founding of Rice University, one of our nation's preeminent research universities.

Founded through the estate of Mr. William Marsh Rice as a gift to the City of Houston, Rice Institute, as it was originally known, opened its doors on September 23, 1912, with 77 students and a dozen faculty.

From these humble beginnings, Rice University has risen to be a leader in science, engineering, medicine, music, and athletics.

Rice placed a critical part in the development of our nation's space program and was

the site of President John Kennedy's famous "moon speech" in 1962.

Today, Rice is recognized as one of the top national research universities in the country by such publications as *Forbes* and *U.S. News and World Report*.

Rice is also recognized for its residential college system, similar to resident colleges at Oxford and Cambridge, its beautiful campus grounds and architecture, and the high quality of student life.

A list of famous alumni include a "Who's who" of Houston's most recognized citizens, including George R. Brown, Thomas Cruikshank, William Hobby, and our present mayor, Annise Parker.

I congratulate Rice University, its students, faculty, and alumni on their 100 years of success and thank them for the vital role they serve on behalf of the Houston community and wish them another 100 years of trail-blazing, discovery, and success.

THE SACRIFICE A SOLDIER MAKES

HON. CHARLES J. "CHUCK" FLEISCHMANN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2012

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Mr. Speaker, following is the essay written by Katie Smith in honor of her brother, SPC Andrew Smith, and all soldiers.

THE SACRIFICE A SOLDIER MAKES

(By Katie Smith)

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier represents the sacrifices a soldier makes to defend our country. Knowing that I would be honoring the three fallen soldiers and any other soldier who made the sacrifice with laying the wreath meant the world to me. The history of the Tomb humbles me to know that people have given their lives protecting me and that they are still being honored for it. Multiple members of my family served in the U.S. military, including both of my grandfathers and my brother. In my opinion, the Unknown Soldier symbolizes the sacrifice, whether death or injury, a soldier risks taking.

I have personal experience with how a soldier sacrifices. My brother, SPC Andrew Smith, a soldier with the 82nd Airborne, was deployed to Afghanistan and was wounded in combat on March 8, 2012. While on patrol near Kandahar, an IED detonated next to him. He lost both of his legs and suffered some other severe wounds. Before he joined the Army, we asked why he wanted to do this, and he said, "I will do anything and go anywhere to keep this fight from coming here." He was aware of the risks that were involved in being a soldier, but he was so devoted to protecting our freedom that he was willing to sacrifice in a major way. Even though he is away from the war, he is still fighting. He fights for his life, mobility, and a somewhat normal life. While I was at Walter Reed National Medical Center, I noticed a whole community of people with titanium limbs, and knowing that they made the sacrifice for me and my freedom, as my brother did, is humbling. I will never again take for granted any of my limbs, my mobility, or my freedom because now I know that people lost those things while keeping me safe. I couldn't imagine what it would be like if I had to say that my brother made the same exact sacrifice the Unknown Soldiers did,

and I thank God every day that I don't have to. However, I would love to honor them in any way I can, all the same.

It is a great tragedy that has come over these soldiers, but it is also a great honor for them. They were brave enough to make that sacrifice, and they should be rewarded in every way possible. These men and women are true heroes, and I can't thank them enough for the service they've done for our country.

REMEMBERING HAROLD WILLIAMS

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2012

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, Portland was saddened by the loss of longtime civic leader and community activist Harold Williams.

Harold was best known as the longest serving board member of Portland Community College with over two decades of outstanding service. But he was already a fixture in our community long before that.

Harold earned two degrees, both his bachelor and masters degrees, at Portland State University where he was Director of the Education Center and where he exercised a strong voice on behalf of inclusion. From the very beginning, Harold Williams was a champion of opportunity for the underserved so it was only natural he would gravitate to Portland Community College. Young African American men received special attention from Harold, but he was a strong proponent of opportunity for everyone throughout our community.

Harold was a large man with an even larger personality and a greater heart until it failed him on July 1st. We extend our condolences to the Williams family and to his much larger family in Northeast Portland which will miss him dearly, but will forever be thankful for his many contributions.

CONGRATULATING DR. ROBERT FAWCETT

HON. TODD RUSSELL PLATTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2012

Mr. PLATTS. Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to offer my heartiest congratulations to Dr. Robert Fawcett of York, Pennsylvania on being named the 2012 Family Physician of the Year by the Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians. This is indeed an outstanding achievement.

Throughout his career, Dr. Fawcett has practiced a wide range of family medicine, including critical care, pediatrics, geriatrics and sports medicine. As evidenced by the previous awards for his medical work, Dr. Fawcett's skill and compassion has benefited hundreds of families throughout his career. In addition, his history of volunteer service has made his community a better place in which to live and work.

This dedication is shared by Dr. Andre Lijoi of York, who was previously named Pennsylvania's Family Physician of the Year in 2008. Dr. Lijoi has dedicated his career to making a meaningful contribution to the lives

of his patients. He has educated residents and students on the need to provide competent, compassionate care by strengthening the physician/patient relationship and by motivating patients to lead healthier lives. Dr. Lijoi has also been a very active community volunteer.

I once again offer my congratulations to Dr. Fawcett and Dr. Lijoi for personifying the best ideals and practices of family medicine. They have positively impacted countless of their fellow citizens throughout their careers and I know that their patients, friends, family and colleagues join with me in offering best wishes for continued success in their future endeavors.

H.R. 6079—OBAMACARE REPEAL ACT

HON. ERIC CANTOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2012

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, there are many issues in the health care law that require Congressional attention. After repeal of ObamaCare, as we craft proposals to reform the health care system, there are a variety of issues that were dealt with in the original ObamaCare law that had nothing to do with the central elements of the law that we will seek to address. These include for example reforming the Medicaid program in a way that, among other things, addresses disparities in Medicaid funding amongst the states and territories. Puerto Rico Governor Fortuño has personally raised this latter issue with me. The Governor has taken commendable steps to reduce Puerto Rico's deficit and grow its economy and it is important that with respect to Medicaid, Puerto Rico and the other territories be treated fairly.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2012

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, on the 208th anniversary of the fatal wounding of Alexander Hamilton in his duel with Aaron Burr, it is \$15,879,266,313,073.20. We've added \$5,252,389,264,160.12 to our debt in just over 3 years. This is debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF EQUAL PAY FOR WOMEN

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2012

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, as we mark the 40th anniversary of Title IX—the his-

toric law establishing equal access to education for women, I would like to take a moment to recognize the importance of equal pay for equal work, another federal policy that is essential to providing equal opportunity for women in our country. The contemporary push for women's rights began with the passage of the Equal Pay Act of 1963. Although this statute was a great advancement for women in society, much work remains to strengthen the reality of equal pay for women. For example, in 1963, women earned sixty cents for every dollar a man made. Today, according to the latest Census statistics, women only earn seventy-seven cents for every dollar a man makes—progress but still an egregiously-unfair and unequal disparity. Equal pay is the foundation for economic well-being and security. Policymakers must take action to ensure that equity in pay is a national priority.

In 2009, the 111th Congress took strides to further close the gender discrimination gap in the professional work environment by passing The Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act into law. This law initiated great improvements for women in the workforce, such as allowing a time frame extension to file lawsuits against employers for wage discrepancies. However, additional protections are needed, which is why Democratic lawmakers are advancing the Paycheck Fairness Act. The Paycheck Fairness Act strengthens the equality provisions within the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act and eliminates the loopholes not seen in the past. For example, it increases penalties on employers who violate federal law and allows women to pursue legal matters if they are treated unjustly. The legislation also ensures equality in the tax code so that everyone—male and female, high-income earners and those living in poverty—pays their respective tax rate. Fairness should be applicable to all, in wages and in taxes. The Paycheck Fairness Act provides effective remedies to women who are not being paid equal wages for equal work, and Congress should pass the bill as soon as possible.

Equality in pay is an issue of civil rights. Women represent more than half of the workforce, and they deserve the full-amount of earnings for their work. Loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars over a lifetime due to unequal pay undermines the economic security of women and our nation. I will continue to steadfastly support and advance legislation that promotes gender equality and civil fairness.

CONGRATULATING VICTORIA FOLEY

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2012

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Victoria Foley of the Joplin McAuley Catholic Track and Field Team for winning the Discus State Title at the Missouri Class 1 State Track and Field Championship.

Victoria worked hard throughout the season to achieve her state title. She continuously strove to better her performance, inspiring her teammates as well as earning the respect of her competitors.

Victoria is a solid definition of what it takes to be a great student athlete by virtue of her

phenomenal talent and great sportsmanship. Through her hard work and dedication she won the Missouri Class 1 State Discus Championship with a throw of 121 feet 3 inches. In the end, she added herself among only 2 others who can share the State Champion title in the McAuley Catholic High School history.

I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Victoria Foley, the Missouri Class 1 State Discus Champion.

IN CELEBRATION OF MRS. BESSIE RUDOLPH ANDERSON'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2012

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a beloved role model and gracious woman of faith, Mrs. Bessie Mae Rudolph Anderson. On Saturday, July 14, 2012, Mrs. Anderson will be honored at an event celebrating her 100th birthday in Albany, Georgia.

Mrs. Anderson was born on July 6, 1912 in Mount Willing, Alabama to Isiaah and Ada Eula Cabbie Rudolph. She was the fifth of nine children. She and her brother, Will Arthur, are the only living siblings today.

As she grew up, Mrs. Anderson helped her father on the farm and her mother in the house. In her free time, she was the "Belle of the Ball" as she loved to dance. She has always enjoyed fishing, reading, telling stories about her childhood, and cooking her famous biscuits.

In 1924, Mrs. Anderson met William Anderson, a "Georgia Boy." After dating for five years, they were married on July 28, 1929. They began their life together in Alabama where they had five children: William, Jr., Mattie Pearl, John Samuel, Rosie Maxine and Ernestine. In 1940, they moved to Georgia where they had six more children: Katherinean, Sim Hill, Lee Ernest, Lottye, Freddie Mae, and Charles Edward. Mrs. Anderson was a devoted wife and loving mother and worked hard to make a home for her family.

When her youngest child started school, Mrs. Anderson began working for the Pope family in Thomasville, Georgia as a housekeeper and caregiver for their three children: Sissy, Dusty, and Miller. She was like family to the Papes and she loved those three children as her own.

Mrs. Anderson often said she was a chemist and a nurse licensed in all states because whenever and wherever anyone fell ill, she was always willing to go and nurse them back to health using her own homemade medical remedies.

Mrs. Anderson has achieved numerous successes in her life, but none of this would have been possible without the love and support of her late husband, William, her eleven children, and her 194 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Most important to Mrs. Anderson is her sturdy and enduring relationship with the Lord. She is a longtime member of Mercy Seat Christian Church. She served as treasurer for the church for many years and still serves as Mother of the Church.

The race of life isn't given to the swift or to the strong, but to those who endure until the