

and Mrs. Willie Mae Raspberry. A native of Okolona, Mississippi, Mr. Raspberry has become a celebrated writer as a result of his commentary on social and political issues.

Mr. Raspberry received his Bachelor's of Science Degree from Indiana Central College, now known as The University of Indianapolis, in 1958. After receiving his degree, he served as a public information officer with the United States Army from 1960 until 1962 at which time he began working at the Washington Post as a teletypist. In 1966, he was named as a columnist for the Washington Post. As a result to his exemplary contributions in literature, Mr. Raspberry was first nominated for the Pulitzer Prize in 1982 prior to receiving the Pulitzer Prize for Commentary in 1994.

Through his work with the Washington Post, Mr. Raspberry has dictated his strong opinions about the problems in American society. He has been noted for often writing about education, criminal justice, family, and racial matters in America. As a principal opinion on these particular issues, Mr. Raspberry has often been quoted in many different publications and has also been asked to speak at various conferences and seminars.

In addition to providing a weekly column in the Washington Post, Mr. Raspberry has also served in other capacities throughout his lifetime. He served as a journalism instructor at Howard University from 1971–1973; Member of the Board of Advisers, Poynter Institute for Media Studies, 1984; Member of the Board of Visitors, University of Maryland School of Journalism, 1985; television commentator for WTTG, Washington, DC, 1973–1975; Television Discussion Panelist, WRC-TV, Washington, DC, 1974–1975, and a Member of the Pulitzer Prize Board, 1979–1986. As of 2008, Mr. Raspberry has also served as the President of "Baby Steps", a parent training and empowerment program based in Okolona, Mississippi. He is also the author of *Looking Backward at Us*, a collection of his columns from the 1980s.

Mr. Raspberry has also received honorary degrees from Georgetown University, University of Maryland, and the University of Indianapolis; he received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Colby College. He was also the Knight Professor of the Practice of Communications and Journalism at the Sanford Institute of Public Policy at Duke University. During his career, Mr. Raspberry has also served as a member of the National Association of Black Journalists, Capitol Press Club, and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated.

On November 12, 1966, Mr. Raspberry married Sondra Patricia Dodson and together they had three children, Patricia, Angela, and Mark.

IN HONOR OF THE 216TH BIRTHDAY OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 216th birthday of the City of Cleveland, Ohio, one of the nation's most storied communities.

Cleveland was officially founded on July 22, 1796 by Moses Cleaveland, a surveyor from

Connecticut. Cleveland's location along Lake Erie made it an ideal place to build a new city with its convenient transportation routes and abundant natural resources. The city quickly became a major industrial center, most notably for automobile manufacturing and was the original site of John D. Rockefeller's Standard Oil Company. In 1949, Cleveland was named an All-American city for the first time.

Today, Cleveland is the home to many landmarks and tourist attractions, such as The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and the various museums located in University Circle. The city has professional baseball, football, and basketball teams with thousands of fans who enjoy cheering them on year-round. Cleveland has also retained and celebrated a wide range of cultural and ethnic groups that have settled in the area over the years.

A celebration is being held on July 22 to recognize the 216-year history of this incredible city. The event will be located at Jacob's Pavilion at Nautica and will feature food truck vendors and the attendance of people from as many as 107 cultural groups.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the City of Cleveland as it celebrates 216 years of history, culture, and a bright future.

CONGRATULATING THE ROTARY CLUB OF SUPERIOR, WISCONSIN, ON THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS FOUNDING

HON. SEAN P. DUFFY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 2012

Mr. DUFFY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Rotary Club of Superior, Wisconsin, on the celebration of its 100th anniversary.

All of us know how important Rotary Clubs are in each of our districts. In addition to making a tremendous difference locally, Rotary also plays a key role in marshaling incredible resources, internationally, to provide services and to do good throughout the world. The most notable accomplishment of Rotary, of course, is the near eradication of polio, the most dreaded childhood disease of the 20th Century.

The Superior Rotary Club was the 40th chartered in the United States and the first in the great state of Wisconsin, becoming a model for other clubs in the state. Since its establishment in 1912, the Rotary Club of Superior has supported many charitable causes and worked to improve the quality of life in Northwest Wisconsin.

Among many notable accomplishments during its 100 year history, the Superior Rotary launched the Boys Scouts in Superior and provided loans to dairy farmers during tough economic times. More recently, the club has focused locally on fighting another dreaded disease, cancer. The Lake Superior Dragon Boat Festival is now in its 11th year and has contributed hundreds of thousands of hands to fighting this struggle. Additionally, the club reached across the world to Superior's sister city, Ami-Machi, Japan, to mark their centennial anniversary by unveiling the creation of a friendship garden, a three year project.

Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Superior and the Rotarians for 100 years of pro-

viding community service to the residents of Northwest Wisconsin. Your contributions are invaluable.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF ROBERT F. LAUTZE

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 2012

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, one of the privileges we have in the House is to commemorate the lives of great Americans and the contributions they have made to our communities and our country.

Today, it is an honor to pay tribute to Robert F. Lautze who passed away on May 8, 2012, after a long life of service and celebration. He was a resident of the Bay Area and lived most of his life in San Carlos, California, a community I've represented as a San Mateo County Supervisor and as a Member of Congress.

Rob was eighteen minutes older than his identical twin, Richard, and for years they were known as "Rob and Rich" or the "Lautze brothers." Prior to World War II, they left their hometown of San Francisco and together became star athletes on the basketball court at Santa Clara University. Thus began a life-long relationship with the University where both Rob and Rich would each serve on the Board of Regents, the Board of Trustees, and as President of the Alumni Association.

During World War II, they joined the Navy, became officers, and served aboard ships in the Pacific. When they returned, they celebrated a double wedding and joined an accounting firm in San Francisco that became Lautze & Lautze. To this day the firm has kept this name even though the brothers retired over twenty years ago.

Many years ago, the Lautzes gave a young college graduate his first job at their firm, and when the new employee thought he might have a vocation in the priesthood, they encouraged him and gave him support. Paul Locatelli became a Jesuit priest, the President of Santa Clara University, and a celebrated American educator. He often said one of the reasons he became a priest was the example and support of Rob and Rich Lautze.

Rob's contributions to the community were numerous—the Kiwanis Club, the Burn Wound Center at St. Francis Hospital, the Hanna Boys Center, the Little Sisters of the Poor, and as a member of the board of the Marianists Province. He was one of the first treasurers of his beloved parish of St. Charles Catholic Church, served in the Knights of Columbus, and coached the boys' basketball team with his brother.

Rob was the proud father of five children: Karen, Mary, Susie, Rob, and Steve. His first wife, Alice, known as "A," passed away in 1983, after over 35 years of marriage. In 1984, he married fellow parishioner, Patricia Murphy Laute to whom he was married for 28 years, and was the beloved patriarch to Patty's sons and family.

Mr. Speaker, Rob Lautze called life a "simple equation." He counted his blessings often and out loud. He served so many in so many ways, and at the same time he quietly helped friends and neighbors with personal challenges. He was gentle in spirit, generous, and

kind. He loved to laugh and in every picture of him there is a genuine smile—as well as a discreetly held cigar.

Rob Lautze was a beloved member of our community who lived his faith, loved his family, and served his community and his country. We celebrate his life, and I'm proud to honor his memory in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House to join me in expressing our sympathy to the Lautze family. Our nation has lost a beloved citizen who made our community stronger and our country better.

CHRIS DODD REAFFIRMS THE NEED FOR FINANCIAL REGULATION

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 2012

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, working with then Senator Chris Dodd on financial reform and other matters from 2007 through 2010, was very rewarding. Senator Dodd's leadership in the Senate in getting a tough, complex regulatory bill past the Senate filibuster, was an extraordinarily impressive achievement. While he has moved on from Congress, Chris Dodd continues to defend the important reforms Congress adopted 2 years ago, and in yesterday's *Politico*, he wrote an important article that refutes the criticism of the bill that comes from a number of sources, primarily those financial industry leaders who behaved irresponsibly and resent the fact that they have diminished opportunities to do so. Because this debate now goes on with people trying to roll back their efforts to provide some stability in our financial system, I ask that Chris Dodd's article be printed here.

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WHY DODD-FRANK IS NECESSARY

(By Former Sen. Chris Dodd)

Wall Street received a long overdue regulatory overhaul two years ago that fundamentally changed the way the financial sector operates and can finally provide the American people with a more secure financial sector.

At the time, I knew that these reforms we devised in Congress would not be popular with those who either had a vested interest in seeing them overturned or believed that a repeal of Dodd-Frank is good politics.

The Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act passed two years ago last Saturday, overcoming many efforts to kill it. Opponents have since spent millions to stall implementation of new financial rules—while attempting to build support for repeal.

Yet 73 percent of Americans support strong oversight of Wall Street and this law's provisions, according to recent polling by Lake Research Partners. And for good reason. Consider the recent revelations that one bank has admitted and others are being investigated for manipulating Libor, the interbank loan rate. Another bank suffered a \$6 billion trading loss because of bad actors. These misdeeds and more are making the strongest case for implementing Dodd-Frank.

Opponents of this law will likely continue their efforts to weaken our work. But supporters of these financial reforms must continue to explain why these changes are a

vital part of long-term U.S. economic security.

Critics largely forget that U.S. tax dollars rescued the economy from the brink of collapse in 2008. Putting basic rules in place to prevent a crisis of this magnitude from being repeated was not only responsible—it was essential.

Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.) and I worked with both Democrats and Republicans for two years to craft a bill to do just that—using a transparent process to update our financial system for the first time since the 1930s.

This was a fundamental transformation of our regulatory structure, allowing regulators to keep pace with the 21st century's global financial marketplace. The pace of implementation has been slow because the complexities of these problems required careful consideration.

I've always believed that a thoughtful approach is needed to ensure these issues are adequately studied and new rules are implemented correctly. Though it's important that these new regulations be implemented soon, it's far more important that these regulations get it right.

The law that Frank and I—and many other members of Congress—completed two years ago is having a significant effect, providing critical benefits to U.S. consumers.

For decades, regulators focused exclusively on protecting the safety and soundness of the financial system—not consumers. We created a new watchdog—the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau—whose sole focus is to protect consumers from abusive and deceptive financial practices.

Its work is under way with the creation of consumer-friendly mortgage forms and credit card agreements that force lenders to give borrowers a clear and accurate description of their loan terms. The bureau also has the power to crack down on deceptive practices—as revealed last week in the settlement with Capital One, which must send refunds to nearly two million customers. Solutions like this, unimaginable two years ago, are forcing financial institutions to rethink some products they offer and adopt new consumer-friendly practices.

We also established requirements for banks to maintain higher capital levels to better absorb unexpected losses. Those running financial institutions are required to be far more knowledgeable about their firm's everyday dealings. Regulatory agencies must now communicate in real time with one another and watch for problems ahead. Dodd-Frank also prohibits the Federal Reserve from bailing out failing firms and brings more accountability to the \$600 trillion derivatives market.

The bill we passed is by no means perfect. But reversing course now can only weaken the economy and bring back the reckless days of lax regulations—or no regulations—and abusive practices that nearly destroyed the economy.

Our time and energy would be better spent working together to strengthen this law and improve the work we started—responsibly implementing an effective regulatory structure that puts the best interests of the American people above all else.

Chris Dodd, a Democrat who represented Connecticut in the Senate for 30 years, is a co-author of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. He retired in 2011 and is now chairman and CEO of the Motion Picture Association of America.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 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, it is \$15,877,234,078,986.00. We've added \$5,250,357,030,072.92 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.

CONGRATULATING REV. "BOB" XIUQUI FU

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 2012

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Rev. "Bob" Xiuqui Fu on the ten year anniversary of his organization, ChinaAid Association. This Texas-based organization has been at the forefront of the struggle for freedom and rights in China. ChinaAid is doing important work and I hope they will continue to flourish in their next ten years.

In 2002, only six years after migrating to the United States, Rev. Fu founded the ChinaAid Association to promote religious freedom and raise worldwide awareness of the ongoing and unjust persecution of religious believers in China. ChinaAid's goal is to provide for the physical, legal, and spiritual needs of victims of human rights abuses and to be a "voice for the voiceless" in Washington, DC and the capitals of the world.

ChinaAid is not only an effective voice for the voiceless, but is also working to make sure China's human rights defenders are able to speak against injustice. In recent years, ChinaAid has expanded its mission to support legal defense in religious persecution cases, academic research on the rule of law, and the training of human rights defenders.

Rev. Fu knows first-hand what it's like to be persecuted by the Chinese government. In 1989, he was one of the student leaders in Tiananmen Square demonstrating for freedom and democracy. After the bloody crackdown, Bob became a Christian and led a house church while teaching English at the Communist Party School in Beijing. Considered a threat to the Chinese Communist government, Bob and his wife Heidi were imprisoned for "illegal evangelism" causing them to flee from China in 1996. He eventually migrated to the United States with the assistance of members of Congress and then President Bill Clinton.

Pastor Fu is recognized as a leading expert on religious freedom and the rule of law. He regularly testifies before the U.S. Congress and has provided expert testimony before the European Union and the United Nations. Bob has also established a close working relationship with President George W. and Laura Bush, taking the first group of Chinese "house church" Protestant leaders to meet a sitting President in the White House.

The work of his organization is vital, it is effective, it is bipartisan, and it is necessary. Everyone here in Congress will agree, a future