

At the 2006 NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships, Michael won the 400m hurdles for Jackson State becoming the first track athlete in the history of the university to win an NCAA Division I title.

Jackson State University declared Thursday, June 15, 2006, "Michael Tinsley Day," and Michael was presented with a certificate from the governor, was handed keys to the city by the mayor, and was shown the banner bearing his name that would hang in the athletic center.

In 2006, Michael achieved his first ever top ten Track and Field News world ranking in the 400m hurdles. He achieved a top-ten world ranking again in 2011.

Michael's accomplishments don't end there, though. He also holds numerous other records and titles, and in the 2010 USA Outdoor Track and Field Championships, he placed third in the 400m hurdles. He is also a three-time NCAA All-American.

As evidence of his continued hard work and pursuit of excellence, Michael qualified for the 2012 U.S. Olympic Team in a remarkable and memorable way: he beat the reigning Olympic gold, silver, and bronze medalists in the 400m hurdles, taking first place to secure his Olympic berth.

Michael will represent Team USA in the 400m hurdles, and I am proud to have such an accomplished athlete and Arkansan representing our nation.

On behalf of Arkansans and Americans everywhere, I wish Michael Tinsley the best of luck in his Olympic endeavors and look forward to his great accomplishments in the 2012 Summer Olympic Games.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, on July 25, 2012, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to record my vote for rollcall No. 438. Had I been present I would have voted: rollcall No. 504: "yes"—Holt of New Jersey Part C Amendment No. 2.

THE "IDENTIFYING CYBERSECURITY RISKS TO CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE ACT OF 2012"

HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Mr. Speaker, I am proud today to introduce the "Identifying Cybersecurity Risks to Critical Infrastructure Act of 2012", a bill to assess the risks that networks controlling our critical infrastructure face from cyber attacks. I am also proud to have developed this legislation in collaboration with my colleague, the gentleman from California, and Chairman of the Committee on Homeland Security Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies, Representative LUNGREN.

Critical infrastructure, which can be found in all of our districts, powers our homes and

keeps our water running. However, all too often, in the digital era, industrial control systems that operate much of this critical infrastructure are vulnerable to cyber attacks. A recent report by the Washington Post found that thousands of these control systems could be accessed directly through the Internet, leaving them open to exploitation by even "moderately talented hackers".

And according to Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Adviser John Brennan, there have been over 200 known attempted or successful cyberintrusions against control systems that operate critical infrastructure in 2011 alone, which was a five-fold increase over 2010.

There has been an active debate this Congress on cybersecurity, and particularly how best to protect our critical infrastructure from crippling cyber attacks. But regardless of where you stand on the proper role for the Federal government in protecting critical infrastructure, I am sure we can all agree that the nature of the cyber threat to critical infrastructure, including vulnerabilities present in our critical infrastructure networks, need to be known so that critical infrastructure owners and operators can be empowered to bolster their cybersecurity and protect their systems.

Specifically, my bill directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct risk assessments of critical infrastructure sectors to identify:

1. The threats to critical infrastructure from foreign intelligence services, cybercriminals, and hacker groups;
2. The consequences that would result from a major cyber attack on critical infrastructure; and
3. The vulnerabilities in our critical infrastructure networks that could be exploited by hackers.

This bill would not only help our government understand the threat we face, it would benefit the critical infrastructure owners and operators protect their networks, giving them a fuller understanding of vulnerabilities in their systems.

It would not create any rules, regulations, or standards that private industry would need to comply with, and much of this language was first proposed by Committee Republicans, consistent with the recommendations of the House Republican cybersecurity task force.

This bill would take proactive steps to identify and assess cyber risks to help raise the level of cybersecurity protecting our Nation's critical infrastructure networks, without creating any burdensome regulations or bureaucracy. This issue is far too important, and the risk of cyber attack on our critical infrastructure is too grave, to let another Congress pass without taking action.

I urge my colleagues to cosponsor the "Identifying Cybersecurity Risks to Critical Infrastructure Act of 2012", and work with me to secure passage of this critical bipartisan homeland security legislation.

TRIBUTE TO UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA ATHLETIC DIRECTOR MAL MOORE

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Coach Mal Moore, the respected, longtime Athletic Director of The University of Alabama who was recently named the 2012 recipient of the John L. Toner Award from the National Football Foundation (NFF) and the College Hall of Fame.

The Toner Award is presented annually by the NFF to an Athletic Director who has demonstrated superior administrative abilities and shown outstanding dedication to college athletics, particularly college football.

For those who closely follow University of Alabama athletics, there is little doubt that Mal Moore deserves this tremendous honor. As Alabama's Athletic Director since 1999, he has guided the University's sports program to a new era of success, improvements to athletic facilities and overseeing numerous conference and national championships. This year alone, under his leadership, Coach Moore has been instrumental in the Crimson Tide winning four national championships in football, women's gymnastics, women's softball and women's golf.

Long a prominent figure in the "Alabama family," Coach Moore played quarterback under legendary head football coach Paul "Bear" Bryant, beginning in 1958, and was a member of the 1961 national championship team. A secondary and, later, quarterbacks coach for Coach Bryant's Crimson Tide, Coach Moore became a fixture on the 'Bama coaching staff until Coach Bryant's retirement in 1982 when he was hired to be an assistant coach at The University of Notre Dame. In 1990, he returned to Alabama to serve as offensive coordinator under Coach Gene Stallings. All total, Coach Moore has been a part of nine of Alabama's 14 national championships.

As Athletic Director, Mal Moore directs a \$100 million budget and 21 men's and women's varsity sports teams. His record of leadership speaks for itself. Since 1999, the University has notched countless NCAA championships and even more SEC championships. Also during Coach Moore's tenure as Athletic Director, the Crimson Tide football team has won two national championships (2009 and 2011), posted six 10-win seasons, a 5-4 bowl record, appearances in four Bowl Championship Series (BCS) bowl games and SEC championships in 1999, 2009 and 2011.

Winning is not his only legacy; the face of the University of Alabama campus has also been transformed during Coach Moore's tenure with more than \$200 million in improvements to the athletic infrastructure. Alabama has erected new stadiums for soccer, softball and tennis; new facilities for women's basketball and volleyball; a new golf clubhouse; and improved facilities for every other sports team, in addition to the renovation of the Bill Battle Center for Athletic Student Services, and Coleman Coliseum. In 2007, The University of Alabama Board of Trustees officially dedicated the facility formerly known as the Football Building as the Mal M. Moore Athletic Facility.

Coach Moore also oversaw the expansion of Bryant-Denny Stadium in 2006 and 2009, pushing the venue's capacity to 101,821, which ranks fifth nationally.

Mal Moore will be officially honored at the 55th NNF awards dinner at Waldorf-Astoria in New York City on December 4, 2012. He was elected to the State of Alabama Sports Hall of Fame in 2011.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Alabama and the entire Alabama Congressional Delegation, I would like to commend Coach Mal Moore for his exemplary leadership and congratulate him for receiving the John L. Toner Award. I know Coach Moore's daughter, Heather, his granddaughter, Anna Lee and grandson, Charles, as well as his many, many friends and associates around the country share in this proud and well-deserved honor.

HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE AND HOUSE VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE JOINT HEARING

HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and welcome to Secretary Panetta and Secretary Shinseki.

More than 2 million American women and men are returning home from more than a decade of war in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Many are returning scarred, with lost limbs, brain injuries or mental illness. Too many are coming back to unemployment lines. And too many are struggling to keep their homes.

To address these problems, Congress and the administration have worked together to support veterans' needs through efforts like building more Department of Veterans Affairs community based outpatient clinics, like the one in Mount Vernon, Washington state. The VA, the Department of Defense, and National Institutes of Health are conducting state-of-the-art brain research to understand and find better treatments for traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorder. And the VA and DoD are working together to provide more timely disability claims processing.

The passage of the Vow To Hire Heroes Act and the 21st Century GI Bill were important steps to help veterans translate their skills to civilian jobs. These programs provide career advice for transitioning servicemembers through the Transition Assistance Program and help veterans go back to school.

And we are supporting veterans housing through the Department of Housing and Urban Development Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Program (HUD-VASH) program, which provides affordable housing vouchers and social services like case management. 100 homeless veterans in Skagit and Snohomish Counties have received HUD-VASH vouchers so far this year. Part of ending homelessness among veterans is prevention, and for that, VA and DOD recently began legal assistance programs to provide relief for veterans and servicemembers who were hurt by mortgage abuses and assist those seeking to refinance.

Still, there is more that we have to do, and I encourage all of us in this room to think of what we can do to help these veterans.

For example, in my district, we are reaching out to veterans, employers and educators to help veterans translate the skills they developed in the military to meet private sector needs, and help employers and educators understand the value of veterans' military training.

I look forward to hearing more about what the DoD and VA are doing to support veterans transitioning back to civilian life. With hard work and support from the government and local communities, these veterans coming home from Iraq and Afghanistan can have a smooth transition back to civilian life, and our older veterans can get the support they deserve.

IN CELEBRATION OF MRS. BUENA WOOTEN LONG'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my sincerest congratulations and Happy Birthday wishes to Mrs. Buena Wooten Long, who will be celebrating her 100th birthday on Wednesday, July 25, 2012. On this day, Mrs. Long will be honored with a birthday celebration and dinner at the James H. Gray Senior Citizen's Center in Albany, Georgia.

Born in Whigham, Georgia on July 25, 1912 to Archie and Ada Wooten, Mrs. Long is the youngest of six children: Malachi, Charlie, Wadis, Leah, and Ruth. Although all her siblings preceded her in death, she is the second member of her family to become a centenarian; her paternal grandfather lived to be 106 years old.

Mrs. Long fondly remembers plowing a mule on the family farm as a child. As an adult, she worked as a seamstress in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Detroit, Michigan. She is now an active participant at the Golden Retreat Senior Citizen's Center. Although she enjoys all the activities at the Center, bingo is her favorite.

Mrs. Long is the mother of Mrs. Helen Murphy-Prince; grandmother of Mr. Craig Wendell Prince; great-grandmother of Mr. Randall Murphy and Mr. Brian Murphy and great-great-grandmother of Miss London Taylor Murphy.

Mrs. Long credits her longevity to her faith in God, a strong work ethic instilled in her by her parents and good genes. She is an active member of the Institutional First Baptist Church under the pastorate of Dr. Eugene G. Sherman.

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." Mrs. Long has advanced far in life because she never forgot these lessons and always kept God first.

The race of life isn't given to the swift or to the strong, but to those who endure until the end. Mrs. Long has run the race of life with grace and dignity and God has blessed her over her lifetime.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to an outstanding cit-

izen and woman of faith, Mrs. Buena Wooten Long, as she, her family, and the seniors and volunteers of the Golden Retreat at the James H. Gray Senior Citizen's Center prepare to celebrate her 100th birthday.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, July 25, 2012, I was called away from the votes here on the House Floor in order to address an important announcement regarding the Bay Delta Conservation Plan in California. The joint announcement from California Governor, Jerry Brown, and United States Secretary of Interior, Ken Salazar, will have huge implications for my constituents and all Californians. Therefore, I felt it was absolutely necessary to address my concerns regarding the new plan. Nevertheless, I realize the importance of the votes I missed. Therefore, I would like to state for the record how I would have voted on the bills that were before the House of Representatives, yesterday.

First, I would have supported H.R. 459, the Federal Reserve Transparency Act of 2012. I would have opposed H.R. 6082, the Congressional Replacement of President Obama's Energy-Restricting and Job-Limiting Offshore Drilling Plan. Lastly, I would have supported H.R. 6168, President Obama's Proposed 2012–2017 Offshore Drilling Lease Sale Plan Act.

RED TAPE REDUCTION AND SMALL BUSINESS JOB CREATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2012

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4078) to provide that no agency may take any significant regulatory action until the unemployment rate is equal to or less than 6.0 percent:

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Chair, I rise in reluctant opposition to the amendment offered by the gentleman from Illinois, Mr. MANZULLO. I say reluctant, because although I am opposed to this particular amendment, I very much support the idea of ensuring that our agencies in the Federal government utilize the best available science when engaged in their activities. On its face, that would appear to be the subject of this amendment. However, the language in this amendment goes further than that, and its broad reach troubles me for several reasons.

Under this amendment, all Federal agencies would have to adopt guidelines on scientific integrity and have those guidelines approved by the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, "OSTP". Agencies could not make policy decisions unless the OSTP Director has approved their guidelines. In addition, subsection (d) of the amendment states that