

to save lives in their communities. As a farmer in Fowler, Kansas, I understand the importance of having an educated and well-prepared local fire department.

For the past 125 years the Association has worked to accomplish this goal, and I hope they continue to do so for another century and beyond. Words cannot express how grateful I am to these men and women who tirelessly work to ensure our fire departments have the educational resources they need to protect their local communities.

IN MEMORY OF MR. PETER E.
MALLORY

HON. SANDY ADAMS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mrs. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Mr. Peter E. Mallory, of New Smyrna Beach, Florida, who recently passed away after a long and exemplary record of service to Volusia County, Florida.

Mr. Mallory was a family man, an entrepreneur, and an award-winning writer, but more than that, he believed in his community. Moving to Florida with his family from Ohio at a young age, Mr. Mallory graduated from New Smyrna Beach High, and had served on the board of trustees for Daytona State College and the Utilities Commission of New Smyrna Beach. His true passion would lay in writing, as his friend Henry Frederick has said, "All Peter ever wanted to do was write his own column, on his own terms, free of the bias of the liberal media."

In 2007 Mr. Mallory helped finance and began writing a column for NSBnews.net, New Smyrna's first 24/7 Internet newspaper. The newspaper has come a long way since 2007 and none of its success would have been possible were it not for the contributions and hard work of Peter Mallory. In addition to his journalistic endeavors, Mr. Mallory taught in the local high school and volunteered as a coach for several athletic teams.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Mallory passed away at the end of June, but his work and his passion for unbridled news remains as an example for others to follow.

Volusia County will miss the writings and community work of Mr. Peter E. Mallory and we salute his memory.

HONORING JOAQUIN JACKSON'S INDUCTION INTO THE TEXAS HEROES HALL OF HONOR

HON. FRANCISCO "QUICO" CANSECO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. CANSECO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joaquin Jackson's induction into the Texas Heroes Hall of Honor. Haynie Joaquin Jackson was born in Anton, Texas and served as a Texas Ranger from 1966 to 1993. During his career, Joaquin was committed to protecting our border communities and ensuring justice was served to those who broke the law. Also during his time, he saw the Rangers transition into the modern law enforcement agency it is today.

After being featured on a 1994 cover of Texas Monthly magazine, the retired Ranger became personified as the modern Texas Ranger. Joaquin appeared in several movies, including: The Good Old Boys with Tommy Lee Jones, Rough Riders and the Streets of Laredo, Palo Pinto Gold and Poodle Dog Lounge.

As a constituent of mine in Alpine, Texas, I am proud to congratulate Mr. Jackson on his outstanding life achievements and induction into the Texas Heroes Hall of Honor.

GADSDEN, ALABAMA POLICE OFFICERS AWARDED MEDAL OF VALOR

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to honor Sergeant Scott Entekin; Clark Thompson; Colt Gregory; Jeff Hopper; Jordan Harwood; Stephen Hill; Sergeant Gary Pierce; and Mitch James, of the City of Gadsden Police Department in receiving the Gadsden Police Department's Medal of Valor on July 10, 2012. These fine officers should be applauded for their harrowing actions and professionalism in defusing a dangerous situation this past January in Alabama City, Alabama. These men truly embody bravery and a devotion to serving their community.

As an armed man fled from police through an Alabama City neighborhood, he began to fire at all of the officers. Many of the officers that responded are on the department's Joint Special Operations Group and are trained in tactical SWAT operations. Using their training, the officers worked to contain the situation without opening fire in order to prevent cross-fire in the residential area. In a team effort, including assistance from an Etowah County sheriff's deputy and a crisis negotiator, they were able to corner the shooter and convince him to surrender.

These courageous men were able to take the suspect into custody without any injuries that morning. This is a great testament to not only their professionalism, but also their restraint. The tremendous leadership shown by these officers is an example of their dedication to protect their community, as well as fellow officers.

Mr. Speaker, it is indeed a great privilege to honor these eight men: Sergeant Scott Entekin; Clark Thompson; Colt Gregory; Jeff Hopper; Jordan Harwood; Stephen Hill; Sergeant Gary Pierce; and Mitch James, for earning Gadsden Police Department's Medal of Valor for their heroic actions in keeping our community safe. I join their family, friends, and colleagues in congratulating them on receiving this distinguished honor.

FEDERAL EMPLOYEE TAX ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2012, H.R. 828

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2012

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, the bill before us today makes any person who has a seriously delinquent tax debt ineligible for federal employment or to continue serving as a federal employee. I will vote for this bill because I strongly believe that all Americans, including federal employees, should meet their legal tax obligations. However, this bill is an unnecessary distraction from the urgent problems facing Congress because there is no evidence to show federal employees deserve to be targeted for tax non-compliance. In fact, the data shows just the opposite.

The compliance rate of federal employees is much higher than the general public according to the most recent statistics from the Internal Revenue Service. The IRS says more than 96 percent of federal workers paid their taxes in full, on time, and have no outstanding debt to the government. This high compliance rate is even more impressive considering the families of federal employees have been forced to endure repeated pay freezes and benefit reductions in recent years.

An amendment from my colleague Congressman LYNCH of Massachusetts improved H.R. 828 by creating a process to ensure federal employees who are making a good faith effort to pay their tax debt or those suffering financial hardship are not unfairly targeted or dismissed. Still, the provisions of H.R. 828 will result in few new dollars going into the federal Treasury because federal employees are already the model for American taxpayers, not the problem. If House Republicans were genuinely concerned with improving tax compliance this body would be voting on legislation to close tax loopholes and tax shelters exploited by some of the nation's wealthiest individuals and corporations to avoid paying tens of billions of dollars every year.

The best course of action for this House would be to set this purely symbolic, politically-motivated legislation aside so we can focus on legislation that creates jobs and helps to grow the economy.

SEEKING A RESOLUTION TO THE DISPUTE ON CYPRUS

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I once again come to this Floor to urge my colleagues to support efforts to achieve a resolution to the dispute on Cyprus. Tragically, I find myself here once again as yet another year has gone by with no end to the conflict.

While the Cyprus dispute is most directly between Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots, it has larger implications for regional security and prosperity. Over the past few decades this dispute has involved not only the Cypriot communities, but also Turkey, Greece, the United

Kingdom, the United States, the United Nations, and the European Union. Moreover, Turkey's membership to the European Union, which the United States enthusiastically supports, is unfortunately being impacted because of the impasse over Cyprus.

In 2003, it looked like we were on the cusp of a resolution when Cypriots voted on the United Nations backed Annan Plan which would have created the United Cyprus Republic, as a loose confederation of two component states—the Greek Cypriot State and the Turkish Cypriot State.

That plan provided a strong framework for a bi-zonal, bi-communal unified Cyprus; and the U.S. House of Representatives strongly endorsed the plan by unanimously approving a Sense of the House to that effect. Regrettably, the Annan Plan did not succeed when put to a referendum.

Ultimately, the Cypriots themselves are the ones who must make the tough decisions that will ensure a peaceful future for their island. Nevertheless, I urge the administration to work with all stakeholders to ensure that a future unified Cyprus is a Cyprus that respects human rights and the fundamental freedoms for all Cypriots. Any unnatural or unnecessary artificial limitations imposed on either community are a recipe for future disaster.

Mr. Speaker, I truly believe that a lasting, fair and comprehensive solution to the conflict on Cyprus is possible. If we avoid inflammatory rhetoric and political statements and instead work in unison to bolster the efforts of the Greek Cypriots and the Turkish Cypriots to work together in good faith for the future of all Cypriots; the future will be bright for Cyprus.

RECOGNIZING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, HURON OHIO

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the sesquicentennial anniversary of Christ Episcopal Church, located in Huron, Ohio. The congregation comes together with the community in celebration of this milestone event on August 3, 2012.

Organized in 1837, the church cornerstone was laid on May 23, 1938. The church building is in a beautiful setting overlooking Lake Erie and parkland. A steeple was completed in 1876, followed by the placement of a bell in 1881. That bell has called worshippers over the centuries through the present day. As its congregation grew and changed with the modern day, the church added classrooms, a kitchen, fellowship hall, choir room, offices, meeting rooms, library, a chapel and columbarium. In 1975 a new steeple was erected along with a modern impressionist stained glass window of the Living Christ behind the altar. Though modernized, the church has retained its original feel. As one of Ohio's oldest churches, Christ Church is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Of note, in its 175 years the parish has been served by only nineteen rectors with long pastorates marking their service. Each brought a leadership distinct and dynamic. A truly

faith-filled parish, the members of Christ Church have never locked its doors. Since its earliest days, the church is always open for prayer and meditation. The church and its members hold true to Christ's message explained in Matthew 18:20, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them." Faith and fellowship have guided the congregation nearly since our region's founding. We proudly commemorate this 175th anniversary while looking forward to Christ Church's future.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PAIN-CAPABLE UNBORN CHILD PROTECTION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2012

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 3803, which unfairly targets the District of Columbia for a prohibition on abortions after 20 weeks, with no exception to protect a woman's health. This bill is simply another in a long line of attempts by House GOP to undermine a woman's fundamental right to choose.

H.R. 3803 directly contradicts *Roe v. Wade* by prohibiting pre-viability abortions and making no exception to protect a woman's health. The narrow exception in this bill that allows for an abortion when it's necessary to save a woman's life is completely inadequate. H.R. 3803 does not include an exception for abortions that would prevent severe harm to a woman's health, or for survivors of incest or rape.

Finally, the nature of this legislation derides the democratic process by empowering politicians to make health decisions for citizens that they do not represent. The singling out of District citizens—who have never had the opportunity to elect a voting Member of this body—is a cynical move that ignores their wishes and undermines the locally elected City Council and Mayor. I urge my colleagues to oppose this misguided legislation.

CONGRATULATING ABBY JOHNSTON

HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Upper Arlington resident, Abby Johnston, on winning an Olympic silver medal in the women's 3-meter springboard synchronized diving competition at the 2012 London Olympic Games. On July 29, 2012, Miss Johnston and her diving partner, Kelci Bryant, took home America's first-ever Olympic medals for this event.

In Columbus and Central Ohio, we take our sports very seriously. Abby Johnston was cheered on by her fans both here at home and abroad. In London, her parents, Elaine and David Johnston, as well as former coaches and teammates from Upper Arlington High School and the local U.S. Elite Diving Acad-

emy rooted for her poolside. Back in Ohio, Abby's accomplishment is a true point of pride for our city and it brings us together to celebrate as a community.

An athlete works hard, dedicates many hours to practice, and puts forth a great deal of effort, but an Olympian takes all of that to a much higher level. I ask that all Members of Congress join me in offering my congratulations to our very own hometown Olympian, Abby Johnston, on winning her silver medal at the 2012 London Olympic Games.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CHAD FOSTER

HON. FRANCISCO "QUICO" CANSECO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. CANSECO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Chad Foster. Chad passed away this past Saturday after a battle with cancer at the age of 63. He is survived by his wife Jill and their son Chad Jr. and daughter Savannah.

Chad was a true public servant, who will be remembered as a committed leader and strong supporter of the Eagle Pass community. After serving three terms as Eagle Pass mayor, Chad went on to serve the community by leading numerous local and state organizations, including as the chairman of the Texas Border Coalition.

Chad was passionate about the advancement of our border communities. He focused his life on encouraging education, border security, health care, and other development programs that supported the people of South Texas. Chad will be sorely missed in our community, but his passion and legacy will certainly live on.

HONORING WESTERN NEW YORK OLYMPIANS

HON. KATHLEEN C. HOCHUL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Ms. HOCHUL. Mr. Speaker, on July 27, 2012, Olympic athletes from all over the world paraded into the stadium in London to officially launch the 2012 Olympics.

I am so proud to say that eight American Olympians hail from Western New York: volleyball player Matt Anderson, born in Buffalo; archer Jake Kaminski, from Elma; swimmer Ryan Lochte, born in Rochester; rower Meghan Musnicki, from Naples; rower Henrik Rummel, formerly of Pittsford; current number one ranked pole vaulter Jenn Suhr, from Churchville; 10-meter air pistol shooter Jason Turner, formerly of Rush; and two time U.S. Soccer Female Athlete of the Year Abby Wambach, from Rochester. Throughout their lifetimes of training, hard work, and sacrifices, these athletes embody what it means to be an American.

They carry with them to London the pride of Western New York and the entire nation.

As we wish them and the entire team good luck, my hope is that a sense of common purpose joins all of us as Americans during the Olympics.