

and her colleagues. Always ready with an encouraging word, Autumn harnessed her passion for the law and traditional Christian values by handing the legislative portfolio of values issues. As her zeal for these issues deepened, she felt the Lord calling her to serve in this capacity fulltime and so she will serve as spokeswoman for the Minnesota for Marriage campaign this fall.

Autumn has worked hard for the people of Colorado. Her conservative and Christian values are needed today more than ever. So while I will miss her greatly, I know God will bless her in her future endeavors.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LOUISBURG COLLEGE

HON. RENEE L. ELLMERS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mrs. ELLMERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Louisburg College on their 225th anniversary as an institution of higher learning.

Throughout its tenure, Louisburg College has continued to prosper and educate students during its 225 years, attracting students from 42 states and 15 countries.

In four different centuries, students from Louisburg College have excelled in many areas of our economy, including business, government, politics, education, sports, and the military. Today Louisburg College has over 700 students and nearly 14,000 alumni.

I thank those who have played a role in the success of Louisburg College and join the administration, faculty, students, alumni, Town of Louisburg, and the County of Franklin in celebrating the 225th anniversary of Louisburg College.

May God continue to bless Louisburg College, the students, teachers, and families that make it a great place to learn.

HONORING PEDRO LUIS RUSTAN

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true American Hero, a man whose focus, drive, intellect and leadership were responsible for spawning innovative systems that have saved lives and ensured the security of our great nation.

Pedro Luis Rustan, known as "Pete" to all within the Intelligence Community, was an extraordinary American. His passing leaves a void within the Intelligence Community and for all his family and friends.

Pete may not have appreciated my remarks because he was never concerned about who received the credit, only that the job was done. However, he was a man who was grateful for the gifts that God gave him and he could think of no greater use for these gifts than service of the Nation that had blessed him and his family with freedom.

Pete was born in 1946 in a small city 40 miles from the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Bay. In August 1967, he made a dramatic escape from Communist Cuba with his

father, two sisters, and brother-in-law. They fled to a railway, climbed inside a railroad boxcar and jumped from the moving train as it approached the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo. Pete and his family swam and waded through a snake-infested swamp before reaching multiple tall security fences topped with barbed wire. Pete carried his younger sister on his back over the fences. After being picked up by a Navy patrol craft they sought and received political asylum.

In the early 1970s Pete studied electrical engineering at the Illinois Institute of Technology, and was quickly drafted into the Air Force. In the Air Force he served first as an enlisted man, and then successfully completed Officer Candidate School, becoming a U.S. Air Force officer. He eventually went on to graduate school at the University of Florida, from which he received a doctorate in electrical engineering in 1979.

During his 26-year career with the U.S. Air Force, Pete ran several advanced technology space programs and was mission manager for a joint NASA—Defense Department project, the Clementine mission, a small, low-cost spacecraft that made history by mapping the surface of the Moon and discovering ice at its south pole. Daniel Golden, a former NASA director, said that Pete always "seemed to take on things that were impossible." He retired from the Air Force in 1997 with the rank of colonel but continued to deliver intelligence systems that accomplished the seemingly impossible with National Security technical systems.

After retiring from the Air Force, Pete consulted on commercial space ventures and for federal intelligence agencies. He was on an advisory board that recommended changes at the National Security Agency, one of the country's largest intelligence agencies. As Michael V. Hayden, a former director of the National Security Agency said of Pete, "He was hands-down the most valuable member of that board. He was creative. He was energetic. He was candid without ever being caustic or unkind."

After the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, Pete returned to the government, leading research efforts in satellite reconnaissance for the Defense and Intelligence Communities. He held numerous positions at the National Reconnaissance Organization, NRO, including Director of the Advanced Systems and Technology Directorate, Director of the Ground Enterprise Directorate, Director of Small Satellite Development and most recently, Director of the NRO's Mission Support Directorate. He retired from the NRO officially in October 2011. In each instance he enhanced the capability of the organization and demonstrated his well earned reputation as a technical innovator and advocate of streamlined acquisition principles in space programs. He was a true asset to the NRO and to our country.

Pete contributed to improving the world outside of work as well. He personally led missions to a small impoverished town in Honduras where he provided shoes, developed aqueducts and tilapia fish farms. In his private and personal life he also was one who accomplished the seemingly impossible.

On June 28, Pedro "Pete" Rustan lost his battle with cancer but won his eternal reward after 65 vibrant years, passing away at his home in Woodbridge, Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Alexandra, and children, Peter and Amy. He leaves behind a legacy of intel-

ligence systems and people whom he mentored to continue to achieve the seemingly impossible in his memory. He will be greatly missed in the Intelligence Community and by the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

RECOGNIZING HARCUM COLLEGE'S NONPROFIT BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Harcum College of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania on receiving the Nonprofit Business of the Year Award from the Main Line Chamber of Commerce.

Harcum College is an outstanding, independent, two-year, co-educational college that seeks to prepare students for meaningful careers by offering majors in over twenty disciplines. Enrollment has risen over 70% in the past six years, reaching new levels every semester since 2009, and is currently at a record high of 1,615 students. Harcum employs 140 full-time faculty and works with many organizations on the Main Line, including the Main Line Chamber of Commerce, the Red Cross, Main Line First Fridays, Montgomery County Dental Association, and the Shriners.

Harcum has been the recipient of over \$1.3 million in federal funding over the past five years which has been used to update and improve classrooms, technology, student programs, and training for secondary school teachers. And Harcum College has been a Main Line Chamber member for almost 60 years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in congratulating Harcum College of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania on receiving the Nonprofit Business of the Year Award from the Main Line Chamber of Commerce.

TRIBUTE TO DR. ED BRIDGES, DI- RECTOR OF THE ALABAMA DE- PARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Dr. Ed C. Bridges, longtime Director of the Alabama Department of Archives and History, which is the oldest state archives agency in the United States. After 30 years of service in this position, Dr. Bridges will be retiring at the end of the current fiscal year.

Dr. Bridges is a graduate of Furman University, where he achieved both the Woodrow Wilson and Danforth Fellowships. He went on to receive his Masters and Doctorate in History from the University of Chicago. This fervent pursuit of knowledge eventually translated into a lifelong career.

Before holding his current position as Director, Dr. Bridges wore many hats in the academic world; including, teaching at the high school level in South Carolina, teaching at the

collegiate level at the Georgia Institute of Technology, doing contract research at the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, and serving six years at the Georgia Department of Archives.

Outside of his academic work, Dr. Bridges has also participated in numerous state and community activities. He has served as President of the Alabama Historical Association, as a member of the Alabama Historical Commission, on the Governor's Mansion Advisory Board, and many more. He received the Alabama Humanities Foundation's Annual Humanities Award and was inducted into the College of Communications Hall of Fame at the University of Alabama. Dr. Bridges expertise is also recognized beyond the State of Alabama, having represented the United States in archival exchanges with both the former Soviet Union and the People's Republic of China, and as vice chairman of the Information Policy Task Force of State Governments.

Ed Bridges embodies the very best qualities of a true scholar, one who knows that knowledge means nothing without the will to pass it on to others and to future generations. Dr. Bridges has done this and more though his outstanding career.

On behalf of the people of Alabama and my colleagues in the Alabama Delegation, I would like to extend my personal appreciation to Dr. Bridges for his service to Alabama's past, present, and future through his stewardship and tremendous leadership of the Alabama Department of Archives and History. I would like to wish him, his wife Martha and their family the very best in their future endeavors.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PAIN-CAPABLE UNBORN CHILD PROTECTION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. BENJAMIN QUAYLE

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2012

Mr. QUAYLE. Mr. Speaker, earlier this week the House voted on H.R. 3803, the District of Columbia Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act that was introduced by my colleague from Arizona, Representative TRENT FRANKS. This bill would generally prohibit abortions, except in cases where the mother is at risk, 20 weeks after fertilization, the point at which studies have shown an unborn child has the capacity to feel pain.

I strongly believe that we have a moral obligation to protect life and defend those who cannot defend themselves. Recognizing the gruesome nature of late stage abortions, nine states, including my home State of Arizona, have enacted laws to restrict this procedure.

While I'm disappointed that we failed to secure the two-thirds vote necessary to pass H.R. 3803 this week, I was heartened that a majority of my colleagues in the House stood to protect the unborn. This week's vote has only strengthened my resolve to continue to advocate for pro-life policies to hasten the day when all life is valued and treated as a gift.

HONORING JACQUES ALEXANDER
MARQUIS MATTHEWS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable 22-year-old young man from Shaw, Mississippi. Jacques Alexander Marquis Matthews has answered the call of duty to his country and is currently serving as an active soldier in the Mississippi National Guard stationed in Afghanistan.

Specialist Matthews comes from a lineage filled with military servicemen and women. His paternal grandfather, Mr. William Carter, is a Vietnam Veteran who served in the United States Air Force; his maternal uncle, Mr. James Attaway, served in the United States Marines; and his mother, Ramona Matthews, had just enlisted in the United States Army when she learned she was pregnant with her first child, Jacques.

Specialist Matthews was raised in a single parent home by his mother, Ramona, along with his two younger brothers, Chauncey and Malik. Specialist Matthews understood the pain of his mother as she struggled to provide for them and the reproach of his grandparents, William and Alicestean Carter and Susie Matthews. As his mother's oldest child, much was expected of him and he wanted to fulfill those expectations. But like many other young men, what appears to be quick and easy was tempting. And sometimes he was prey to those temptations. In fact he said and I quote, "my mother was more determined than me—for me to succeed. So, she snatched me from that wrong path and told me my life had three paths it could take and I had to choose one right then, college, military, or she was going to commit a homicide and that's all I needed to know. Needless to say, I chose the military."

Mr. Speaker, Specialist Matthews has a litany of highlights during his military career including:

2008 Year. Specialist Matthews enlisted in the Mississippi National Guard.

August 2008–October 2008. Specialist Matthews did his basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

October 2008. Specialist Matthews completed his basic training. He was recognized during graduation for having scored a perfect 300 on the physical fitness portion of the training.

July 10, 2010–July 31, 2010. Specialist Matthews was a member of the 2089th Vertical Company, 223rd Engineer Battalion. He received the Army Achievement Medal for his Superior and Unflagging Support of his unit.

November 6, 2010. Specialist Matthews was honored with the Commanders Award for scoring 297 on the Annual Army Physical Fitness Test while he was a member of the 223rd Engineer Battalion.

November 7, 2010. Specialist Matthews while in the 168th Engineer Brigade received the Silver Castle Challenge Certificate of Achievement for having completed the Army Physical Fitness test with a score of 297. He was recognized for distinguishing himself by his excellent conditioning. He is truly to be commended for the accomplishment and de-

serving of the recognition for his sacrifice and self-discipline.

May 2011. Specialist Matthews was in the 2089th Vertical Construction Company when he was honored with the Army Meritorious Achievement Medal for his selfish service, loyalty and honor, dedication and integrity as an example for all to follow for his significant contribution to the success of his unit and the Mississippi Army National Guard.

October 2011–November 2011. Specialist Matthews received the Meritorious Service Award in recognition of his superior physical ability during the annual training while assigned to Detachment 1 of the 2089th Vertical Construction Company.

May 7, 2012. Specialist Matthews' unit, the 289th Vertical Construction Company, 223rd Engineer Battalion was activated to Afghanistan.

I want Specialist Matthews' story to serve as a one of encouragement to those who think there is no hope for change and to those who prejudice someone because of their circumstances. Specialist Matthews has expressed great interest in building an exciting career in the military answering the call at home and abroad whenever and wherever he is needed.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Specialist Jacques Alexander Marquis Matthews, from the Second Congressional District of Mississippi, now serving as a member of the Mississippi National Guard currently stationed in Afghanistan. As he so proudly represents the United States, I too am proud to represent him as a Member of Congress. I wish him a continued rewarding military career and a safe return home to the United States.

ON INTRODUCING THE PCIP IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2012

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the PCIP Improvement Act of 2012, a bill that will make much needed improvements to the Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan (PCIP) program, created by the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

As you know, the ACA prohibits insurance companies from refusing to sell coverage or renew policies because of a person's pre-existing condition. While the provision already affects children up to 19 years of age, it will only apply to adults in January 2014. In the meantime, adults with a pre-existing condition can get coverage through the PCIP program, a temporary high-risk pool which has helped over 50,000 previously uninsured individuals get coverage.

While I have always been a strong supporter of this important program, I believe that some improvements need to be made in order to make it a success. Indeed, enrollment has been significantly lower than initial projections, which varied from 200,000 to 375,000. One of the biggest obstacles for enrollment in the program is a Congressional mandate requiring that individuals applying for PCIP coverage have not had creditable insurance coverage during the 6 months prior to the date they