

General Robert Arter of Lansing, Kansas for receiving the Alexander Doniphan Community Service Award. Lieutenant General Arter exemplifies the attributes of General Alexander W. Doniphan, and has carried on Doniphan's legacy through a lifetime of service.

Lieutenant General Arter has distinguished himself as a military leader since he first received his commission in 1950. He has held numerous command and staff positions including command of the 1st Battalion, 506th Airborne Infantry, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) and command of the First Brigade, 101st. His commitment to excellence in leadership and command has led to great recognition, including being named the Commanding General of the United States Army Military District of Washington and Commanding General of the Sixth United States Army. Even after his retirement, he continues to address the needs of both civilians and military as a member of the Governor's Military Affairs Coordinating Council.

Lieutenant General Arter has also been instrumental in the training and education of servicemembers. He has served as the Commanding General of the Third ROTC Region, Deputy Commanding General for the U.S. Training Center in Fort Ord, and as Deputy Commandant, for the U.S. Command and General Staff College. He went on to hold a position as the Superintendent of Wentworth Military Academy, and he maintains an active and vital role in the education of future leaders as Chairman of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College Foundation.

Lieutenant General Arter has also been committed to furthering business and economic development in his community. He has served as President and CEO of the Armed Forces Bank in Leavenworth, Kansas and remains a member of their board. He is currently Chairman of the Military Affairs Committee of the Greater Kansas City Area Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Business Executives for National Security.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in applauding Lieutenant General Robert Arter for his selfless acts of generosity through volunteerism. I know Lieutenant General Arter's colleagues, family and friends join with me in thanking him for his commitment to others and wishing him happiness and good health in his future endeavors.

THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FEDERAL LONG TERM CARE INSURANCE PROGRAM

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 11, 2012

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program on its 10th anniversary. The Program was established by the Long-Term Care Security Act, and I am proud to have been the lead Democratic cosponsor of that legislation. The Program provides long term care coverage to active and retired federal and postal workers and uniformed servicemembers who participate in the program, and it covers care received at home, an assisted living facility, or a nursing home. Since the Program's implementation in 2002, it

has become the largest private long-term care insurance program in the nation with about 270,000 enrollees. Although it is an employer-sponsored program, 100% of its costs are funded by enrollees, not the federal government or taxpayers.

The Program has increased awareness in the federal community about long term care issues and needs, helped enrollees provide for the high cost of long term care, and provided participants with the opportunity to take control of their future long term care needs. Before we created the Program, long term care services were not covered by Medicare or the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program. The Department of Veterans Affairs offered only limited benefits, while Medicaid provided coverage only to the very poor. Since 2002, the Program has paid out almost \$200 million in claims, with a claim approval rate of 97–98%.

As the American population, and the baby boom generation in particular, continues to age, there will be an increased need for vital long term care services in this country. In 2009, more than \$250 billion was spent nationwide on long term care services, including nursing home and other assisted-living services. According to the Department of Health and Human Services, at least 70% of people over age 65 will require some long term care services at some point in their lives.

I am very pleased to recognize the great achievements of the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program in assisting enrollees and their families in financing their future long term care needs and in shielding their retirement savings and assets from the increasing costs of long term care services. I look forward to the continued success of the Program as it begins its second decade of voluntary coverage for our dedicated federal community of civilian and postal workers and members of the armed services.

REMEMBERING IDA KEIPER

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 11, 2012

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said "everyone can be great because everyone can serve." I rise today to remember and honor the life of a model of service, Ida Keiper. I used to tease her and call her "Mama Keips" because I knew she was Italian and she reminded me so much of my Italian grandmother. She was born in Grindstone, Pennsylvania, in 1935 to the late Antonio and Emma Perazzola. She spent the majority of her adult life in the Mantua, Ohio, area. Her life cannot simply be measured by the number of years raising children, the good Italian meals prepared or the countless hours spent helping with homework. Her service went beyond the walls of her home and stretched across the community.

Ida was a member of numerous organizations such as the PTA, the Boy and Girl Scouts of America, and the Crestwood Band Patrons. She also served on the Democratic Central Executive Committee for over 20 years and was a member of the Federated Democratic Women of Portage County Ohio. In addition to her volunteer work she was also

an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ Kirtland Restoration Branch.

Ida left these thoughts to those she loves: "Goodbye to my family and friends. I hope that the paths we have traveled and passed were good ones. I pray that we will meet again in God's Kingdom. Make the most of and celebrate your gift of life. So grieve for me awhile, if grieve you must, then let your grief be comforted with trust. It's only for awhile that we must part, so bless the memories with your heart."

Ida Keiper passed away August 6, 2012 at the age of 76. Her legacy lives on through her family and the people she touched with her selflessness and generosity. She is survived by her husband, Charles W. Keiper and their four children, Charles W. Keiper II, Faith Keiper, Linda Pallotto and Cindy Iozzia, four grandchildren, Sara, Michael, Spencer, Nathan and Lauren, and five siblings, Pete Perazzola, Nick Perazzola, Stella Nixon, Lundy Fisco and Agnes Pinkney. I offer my condolences to the family and all those whose lives who have been touched by her gentleness and grace. Italian mothers and grandmothers are a special breed and Mama Keips was as special as they come. She will be missed.

COMMENDING THE KINGS MOUNTAIN CHAPTER OF THE SONS OF THE REVOLUTION FOR OBSERVING THE 225TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION ON SEPTEMBER 17

HON. DAVID P. ROE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 11, 2012

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Kings Mountain Chapter of the Sons of the Revolution for observing the 225th anniversary of the signing of the United States Constitution on September 17. I am proud of these men for remembering Tennessee's part in obtaining our independence.

The limited, constitutional government that we enjoy was made possible by the sacrifice of American patriots. At the Battle of Kings Mountain, the Overmountain Men from Sycamore Shoals, Tennessee defeated British forces, creating a turning point in the Revolutionary War. By taking up arms to free a nation from tyranny, these men exemplified Tennessee's volunteer spirit.

I sincerely thank the Kings Mountain Chapter of the Sons of the Revolution for observing this important day.

IN HONOR OF CAPTAIN ALAN G. POINDEXTER

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 11, 2012

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of an American hero, Captain Alan G. Poindexter, United States Navy, simply known as "Dex" to those of us who were blessed to know and work with him. Captain Poindexter's deep sense of patriotism, selfless

dedication to others, jovial nature and innate leadership capabilities were evident in all facets of his life. Whether serving his Nation for 26 years as a combat-proven Naval Aviator, decorated Fighter Pilot, experienced Test Pilot, respected Astronaut and Space Shuttle Pilot, esteemed Dean of Students at the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School or, for nearly 30 years, living out his enduring love and respect for his wife—Lisa—and his steadfast devotion to his beloved sons—Zachary and Samuel—“Dex” made a profound difference on our world that will never fade away.

Born on November 5, 1961 in Pasadena, CA, Alan Poindexter grew up in Rockville, MD and Coronado, CA. As a youngster, he served in the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts and fulfilled his interest in aviation by playing with model aircrafts and watching the Apollo flights. Following his graduation from Coronado High School in 1979, Alan attended junior colleges in both California and Florida.

While in Florida in 1981, Alan met Lisa A. Pfeiffer of Pensacola, FL. They married on December 23, 1983 while Alan was a midshipman in the Georgia Institute of Technology Navy ROTC program. Their son, Zach, was born on August 9, 1985. Alan earned a Bachelor of Aerospace Engineering degree in 1986, graduating with highest honors.

Following his commissioning in the U.S. Navy, and eventual designation as a Naval Aviator in 1988, Alan reported to Fighter Squadron 124 located at Naval Air Station Miramar, CA, for transition to the F-14 Tomcat. Following his initial training, Alan—whose call-sign was now “Dex”—was assigned to Fighter Squadron 211, also at Miramar, and made two deployments to the Arabian Gulf during Operations Desert Storm and Southern Watch. During this time, Alan, his wife, Lisa, and their son, Zach, welcomed a second son, Samuel, on October 30, 1989.

While on his second deployment in 1993, Dex was selected to attend the Naval Postgraduate School/U.S. Naval Test Pilot School Cooperative Program. Following graduation in December 1995, he was assigned as a Test Pilot and Project Officer at the Naval Strike Aircraft Test Squadron (NSATS), Naval Air Station Patuxent River, MD. Dex was with Fighter Squadron 32, NAS Oceana, VA, when he was selected for Astronaut training in June 1998. As a Naval Aviator, Dex logged over 4,000 hours in more than 30 aircraft types with over 450 carrier landings.

Alan reported for Astronaut training in August 1998 and initially served in the Astronaut Office Shuttle Operations Branch performing duties as the lead support astronaut at Kennedy Space Center. He later served as a Capsule Communicator (CAPCOM) for several missions and was a veteran of two space flights—he served as Pilot on STS-122 aboard Atlantis from February 7–20, 2008 and from April 5–20, 2010 he was the Commander of STS-131 aboard Discovery. During his NASA career, Alan logged over 669 hours in space. After his retirement from NASA in December 2010, Dex returned to the Navy and was assigned to the Naval Postgraduate School as the Dean of Students until his untimely death.

Alan's many decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, two Legions of Merit, NASA Outstanding Leadership Award, NASA Aviation Safety Award, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with

Combat V and various other service awards. Always active, Alan's recreational interests included motorcycling, cycling, photography, running, weightlifting, boating, hunting, fishing, and spending quality time with family and friends.

But a man is not measured alone by the awards he earned or the medals he wore, nor even for his personal interests, sense of humor and honor, his courage and compassion. It is all of that and more.

Alan's wife, Lisa, and his two loving sons, Zach and Sam, will always remember Alan for his unflinching willingness to be the one who “slept on the rock” at the campsite, so that they could take the more comfortable places. He became fondly, and gratefully, known to them over the years as the “guy who slept on the rock.” Nothing greater could be said, with more love, of any man.

Mr. Speaker, I know that I speak on behalf of the entire House, when I offer the Nation's deepest sympathies to Alan's wife, Lisa, his sons Zach and Sam, and to their entire extended family. Captain Alan Poindexter, loving husband and father, fighter pilot, astronaut, and friend, demonstrated for all of us the qualities that characterize the greatness of America.

RECOGNIZING AMTRAK AND ITS IMPORTANT ROLE ON SEP- TEMBER 11, 2001

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 11, 2012

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on this day of remembrance of the tragic events of September 11, 2001, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Amtrak and its employees for its efforts in the minutes, days and weeks following the attacks.

On this very day 11 years ago, Amtrak and its employees worked around the clock to provide one of the only travel options in many parts of this country. Within minutes of the incident, Amtrak jumped into action. It mobilized and established a command center; evacuated a number of stations for inspections of trains and infrastructure; and dispatched police officers and staff throughout Amtrak facilities to patrol and conduct ongoing inspections.

On the Northeast Corridor, Amtrak added about 30 percent more seating capacity to fill the travel gap. Over 1,600 daily seats were added to long-distance trains and another 300 seats to West Coast trains.

Amtrak also provided transportation to New York City for families and friends of victims, firefighters, police, medical teams, military and other public officials, and even airline crew members. In partnership with the American Red Cross, Amtrak transported thousands of emergency relief kits to New York City. In fact, with the airlines grounded, the U.S. Postal Service turned to Amtrak to carry mail.

Mr. Speaker, on the anniversary of September 11, it is important we reflect on the important role of Amtrak and its employees and it is essential that we maintain our vigilance of the security of all modes of transportation.

LAMENTING THE FACT THAT H.R.
2362 DID NOT PASS

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 11, 2012

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to submit an article printed in the July 27th issue of *The Hill* that came to my attention. Entitled “Native American tribal leaders: Indian Country shouldn't be hostage to far-off conflicts” and written by Native American tribal leaders Eric Bruguier and Lloyd Irvine, the authors lament the fact that the Indian Tribal Trade and Investment Demonstration Project Act (H.R. 2362) failed to secure the necessary votes to pass under a suspension of the rules.

As a cosponsor of this measure, I am also disappointed this measure failed to pass. With the unemployment rate on American Indian reservations averaging between 40 percent and 50 percent, with poverty that transcends generations and incomes and educational attainment all well below the national average, this bill would have enabled foreign investors to partner with Native Americans on reservations to create new businesses and generate income where little to none exists today.

NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBAL LEADERS: INDIAN
COUNTRY SHOULDN'T BE HOSTAGE TO FAR-
OFF CONFLICTS

(By Eric Bruguier and Lloyd Irvine)

Being able to conduct business easily internationally is the lifeblood of the American economy. Trade provides new markets for American products and know-how, providing choices to foreign consumers and growth and prosperity at home. Yet apparently Congress does not feel that Native Americans deserve to participate.

This week, the House voted on H.R. 2362, a simple yet important piece of legislation that would have allowed Native Americans to do business with foreign companies from any of the 155 countries that are members of the World Trade Organization.

Despite earning the support of 58 percent of House members—and the backing of the National American Indian Housing Council, the National Congress of American Indians, and the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development—the bill failed to meet the two-thirds majority needed to pass under the expedited process known as suspension. It failed not because of any substantive arguments against the bill's merits but because of pressure from two ethnic lobbies with a history of grievances against Turkey. And once again, Native Americans are left to suffer.

Current regulations and red tape prevent Native Americans from taking control of their own economic development. If a business wants to lease property to open a store or a factory, that business must first go through a multilayer, multiyear review process required by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, a process that can take up to six years—six years to complete paperwork that takes a week to complete in the rest of the country. Business cannot operate under these conditions. This bill would have changed that.

Rep. Tom Cole (R-Okla.), the only Native American member of Congress, introduced this legislation with the sole intention of creating economic sovereignty for Native Americans. He has firsthand experience of the challenges faced by tribes. Native Americans suffer from the highest poverty and unemployment rates in the country. Compared with the rest of the United States, they are