

HONORING THE VETERANS OF THE  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2012 EASTERN  
IOWA HONOR FLIGHT

**HON. DAVID LOEBSACK**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 14, 2012*

Mr. LOEBSACK. Mr. Speaker, next week, over 80 Iowa veterans of the Greatest Generation will travel to our nation's capital. Accompanied by volunteer guardians, these veterans will travel to Washington, DC to visit the monument that was built in their honor.

For many of these veterans, next Tuesday, September 18th will be the first time they will see the National World War II Memorial. I am deeply honored to be joining them for a rally on September 17th to wish them well on their trip and to personally thank these heroes.

I am proud to have a piece of marble from the quarry that supplied the marble that built the World War II Memorial in my office. Like the memorial that it built, that piece of marble reminds me of the sacrifices of a generation of Americans. When our country was threatened, they rose to defend not just our nation, but the freedoms, democracy, and values that make our country the greatest nation on earth. They did so as one people and one country. Their sacrifices and determination in the face of great threats to our way of life are both humbling and inspiring.

The sheer magnitude of what the Greatest Generation accomplished, not just in war but in the peace that followed, continues to inspire us today. They did not seek to be tested both abroad by a war that fundamentally challenged our way of life and at home by the Great Depression and the rebuilding of our economy that followed. But, when called upon to do so, they defended and then rebuilt our nation to make it even stronger. Their patriotism, service, and great sacrifice not only defined their generation—they stand as a testament to the fortitude of our nation and the American people.

I am tremendously proud to provide an early welcome to the Eastern Iowa Honor Flight and Iowa's veterans of the Second World War to our nation's capital next week. On behalf of every Iowan I represent, I thank them for their service to our country.

HONORING MARGARET SCHUELKE

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 14, 2012*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following proclamation.

Whereas, many years ago a virtuous woman of God accepted her calling to serve the citizens in DeKalb County and the state of Georgia; and

Whereas, Ms. Margaret Schuelke began her career in service working diligently to assist citizens in need, as director of Project Community Connections, Inc., she has and continues to assist individuals and families experiencing homelessness with permanent housing placements; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents, giving the citizens

of our district a friend to help those in need, a fearless leader and a servant to all wanting to ensure that the system works for everyone; and

Whereas, Ms. Margaret Schuelke is a cornerstone in our community that has enhanced the lives of thousands for the betterment of our District and Nation; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Ms. Margaret Schuelke for her outstanding leadership and service to our district and to congratulate her for being chosen as a Champion of Change by the White House;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim August 29, 2012 as Ms. Margaret Schuelke Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 29th day of August, 2012.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH AN-  
NIVERSARY OF CLEVELAND  
CATHOLIC CHARITIES

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 14, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 100th anniversary of Cleveland Catholic Charities.

Cleveland Catholic Charities was first established by Cleveland Diocese's Bishop John Farrelly in 1912 as a response to the failing institutions that were designed to assist those in need and Cleveland's orphans. Throughout the past century, Cleveland Catholic Charities has expanded their services to encompass children, adolescents, families, seniors, people with disabilities and the impoverished and homeless. Meal delivery, transportation services, adult day activities, substance abuse support groups, parenting classes, job placement training, and mental health counseling are among a sampling of the programs provided.

Today, the nearly 2,000 employees of Cleveland Catholic Charities work to build a just and compassionate society that respects the dignity of every person. Though Cleveland Catholic Charities' impact on Northeast Ohioans is immeasurable, in the last year alone 330,000 people were served, 100,000 emergency services were provided and more than three million meals were served.

The centennial celebration of Cleveland Catholic Charities will be held on Saturday, September 15, 2012 and will feature the Inaugural Class of the Hall of Hope which includes Bishop John P. Farrelly (Bishop of Cleveland 1909–1921); Bishop Charles H. LeBlond (First Director of Charity in the Diocese of Cleveland, 1912–1933); Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine; Rev. Walter H. Jenne (Secretary for Social Concerns in the Diocese of Cleveland, 1980–1994); and J. Thomas Mullen (Secretary of Catholic Charities Health and Human Services, 1994–2010). Additionally, the event will include a special tribute to the Most Reverend Anthony M. Pilla, Bishop Emeritus, as the "Man of the Century" in recognition of his unwavering support of Catholic Charities.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing the 100th anniversary of Cleveland Catholic Charities.

COMMENDING WILLIAM PAUL DIL-  
LON ON 40 YEARS OF MINISTRY  
AND SERVICE

**HON. TIM WALBERG**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 14, 2012*

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to commend Mr. William Paul Dillon, who has dedicated 40 years of ministry and service to Chicago's inner city.

Born into a family devoted to urban ministry, Mr. Dillon's grandfather and father both served as superintendents of the Sunshine Gospel Mission in Chicago, Illinois, a mission where I also had the opportunity to minister. At an early age, Mr. Dillon accepted Christ into his heart and began volunteering at the mission and working as a camp counselor. Though he did not feel a call to ministry, aspiring to work in the aviation industry for the hometown United Airlines, Mr. Dillon's father convinced him to attend Moody Bible Institute to better prepare him for a career as a Christian in business. Intending to only stay for a year, Mr. Dillon stayed for three and earned his diploma in 1965.

Mr. Dillon's time at Moody fostered an appreciation for the city. His studies took him to a startup church on the south side of Chicago, where he taught Sunday school and allowed him to develop his gifts for teaching and administration. Still intending to follow his dreams of working in the airline industry, he continued his studies and eventually earned a degree in Business Administration and an MBA from Murray State University.

Yet even with his MBA in hand, the Lord had a different plan for Mr. Dillon. A down economy meant few jobs in the airline industry, and he found work as the youth pastor of Salem Evangelical Free Church in the Humboldt Park neighborhood of Chicago. It is here that Mr. Dillon grew to love the community and see the challenges faced by inner city youth. Equipped with little beyond his understanding of business, he and his wife, Sandy, started the Inner City Impact ministry to serve and disciple local youth.

Inner City Impact has grown over the years, from an initial focus on young children, to a full-fledged inner city mission that has put down roots in the communities that it serves. Over time, three churches have developed out of the efforts of Inner City Impact, along with high school outreach programs in Humboldt Park and Cicero. Now headquartered in the Logan Square community, Inner City Impact continues to serve some of Chicago's toughest neighborhoods through after school clubs, camps, leadership development programs and sports leagues.

In addition to his ministry work, Mr. Dillon is an author and frequent speaker on college campuses and to other Christian ministries. He also serves as president of People Raising, an organization which helps missionaries and Christian organizations fundraise. The Dillons attend Arlington Heights Evangelical Free Church, and they have three grown children.

In 2005, Moody Bible Institute recognized Mr. Dillon for his service in naming him the Alumnus of the Year. As a fellow Moody alum, I believe this honor is well-deserved, as Mr. Dillon's life testimony captures the essence of

what it means to uncover the truth of God's Word and apply it to life.

Although Mr. Dillon has already dedicated four decades to ministry, from those early days on the sidewalks of Humboldt Park, to his current mission in Cicero, I am confident that the first 40 years are only the beginning, and that his work is not done yet!

GOVERNMENT SPENDING  
ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2012

SPEECH OF

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 11, 2012*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I think we can all agree that federal agencies need to be wise and judicious in their use of travel funds, and that past abuses, while very much the exception, were a wake-up call for us to exercise stricter oversight of taxpayer dollars. The Administration itself, through the Office of Management and Budget, OMB, has also sought to curb these abuses by instituting new travel caps and new reporting requirements on all agency travel and I applaud them for taking this seriously.

On the face of it, OMB's directives seem reasonable to most of us, although there is room for debate even here. The scientific community, which includes tens of thousands of federal scientists at agencies such as the Department of Energy and NASA, depend on face-to-face interaction through conferences and workshops to foster innovation and launch new scientific directions. The community, therefore, is rightfully concerned about the unintended consequences of these restrictions stifling innovation and stunting economic growth by preventing federal scientists from participating fully in scientific exchanges with their fellow scientists and engineers from across the country and the world. So I hope OMB follows closely the impact of their own rules as they are implemented.

Today, however, I speak to the shockingly onerous requirements in H.R. 4631. While OMB's new directives have a \$100,000 trigger for reporting on any given conference, in this bill, there is no trigger for the excessive laundry list of reporting requirements. And to be sure we understand each other, a conference is defined in this bill as "a meeting, retreat, seminar, symposium, or event to which an employee travels 25 miles or more to attend, that is held for consultation, education, discussion, or training; and is not held entirely at a Government facility." Imagine, then, the very real and very common situation in which a USGS scientist in Reston travels by personal vehicle to a meeting about earthquakes with other agency and non-federal scientists at a non-governmental site such as the American Geophysical Union headquarters in DC. That USGS scientist is entitled to reimbursement for fuel mileage for that trip. Are we really going to pay that scientist and other agency staff to do a complete cost-benefit analysis and meet all of the other reporting requirements in this bill over a \$30 expense? It seems to me that the additional bureaucratic resources necessary to meet this requirement will require far more than a \$30 reimbursement for gas.

Colleagues, I cannot imagine a more inefficient, bureaucratic, wasteful system than the one set up in this bill. If the goal is to make it so hard for any agency scientist to travel anywhere, anytime, for any purpose, then mission accomplished. But let us not underestimate the consequences this will have on the free and open exchange of scientific and technical knowledge and understanding between federal and non-federal scientists and for the innovation and economic benefits that follow. Nor let us underestimate the consequences this has for the ability of science agencies such as the National Science Foundation to conduct proper oversight of the several billion dollars in grants it awards to university scientists and engineers, because this bill also applies to program managers.

I urge my colleagues on the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform to address these concerns as the bill moves forward.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE FRIENDS  
OF THE ISRAEL DEFENSE FORCES

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 14, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Friends of the Israel Defense Forces (FIDF).

Established in 1981 by a group of Holocaust survivors, FIDF is committed to providing for the wellbeing of those who serve in the Israel Defense Forces. It initiates and helps support educational, social, cultural and recreational programs and facilities for the young men and women soldiers of Israel, as well as the families of fallen soldiers. FIDF's headquarters is located in New York City, but also has 14 regional offices in the United States and one office in Panama.

The Ohio Chapter of FIDF was established in 1995 and is led by co-chairs, Richard Sodof and Elie Weiss. On September 11, 2012, the Ohio Chapter of FIDF honored Mr. Robert Goldberg at its Gala Dinner.

Mr. Goldberg is currently the Chairman of the Cleveland American Israel Public Affairs Committee. He is an active member of his Israeli and Cleveland communities. Due to his dedication to the Jewish community, Mr. Goldberg has been the recipient of several awards including the Tree of Life Award, Jewish Community Federation Leadership Award, Eisenmann Award and Young Leadership Award.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing Mr. Robert Goldberg and the Ohio Chapter of the Friends of the Israel Defense Forces.

HONORING COLONEL JOHN R.  
BOULÉ II

**HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 14, 2012*

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, it is with great appreciation for his service to the people of my district that I thank and recognize Colonel John R. Boulé II, commander of

the New York district of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. I have known Colonel Boulé since he assumed command of the New York District in 2009 and have been proud to work with him on Long Island to improve navigation and protect our shores, which have a direct effect on the local economy.

Covering not only Long Island, the New York district is responsible for the Corps' water resource development, navigation and regulatory activities in northeastern New Jersey, eastern and south-central New York State, and parts of Vermont, Massachusetts and Connecticut. The district is also responsible for design and construction at Army and Air Force installations in New Jersey, New York and overseas in Greenland. Colonel Boulé also holds the title of Supervisor of New York Harbor.

Under Colonel Boulé's leadership, my district has directly benefited from maintenance dredging of Shinnecock Inlet, Lake Montauk Harbor and the Long Island Intracoastal Waterway. We have also benefited from the completion of the Orient Harbor (Route 25) emergency shoreline stabilization and the execution of the feasibility cost share agreement with the Town of Brookhaven for the Forge River ecosystem restoration study. Furthermore, we successfully completed an agreement with the U.S. Department of Interior on a tentative federally supported plan for the Fire Island to Montauk Point reformulation study.

Colonel Boulé is originally from Plattsburgh, New York and graduated in 1986 from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point with a Bachelors of Science in Civil Engineering. After earning two masters of science degrees from Stanford University and his professional engineer certification, he taught hydrology in the Department of Civil and Mechanical Engineering at the United States Military Academy.

Colonel Boulé served in a variety of operational, command and staff assignments in the U.S. and overseas. His most recent assignment was Assistant Director of Civil Works at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' headquarters in Washington, D.C. where he performed numerous duties until attending senior service college at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces (ICAF) where he earned a masters of science in national resource strategy as a distinguished graduate in June, 2009.

Colonel Boulé's previous assignments include serving with the 16th Engineer Battalion, 1st Armored Division in Furth, Germany. As a captain, he volunteered for service in Operation Desert Storm with the 27th Engineer Battalion. He then served as a staff officer and company commander with the 41st Engineer Battalion, 10th Mountain Division, deploying his unit to south Florida and Somalia in support of Operation Hurricane Andrew Relief and Operation Restore Hope. After company command, Colonel Boulé performed duties as a division plans officer. As a major, he served as the battalion executive officer of the 1st Battalion, 1st Infantry Regiment.

Upon graduating with distinction from the Naval Command and Staff College, Colonel Boulé relocated to Korea, serving as a battalion executive officer for the 2nd Engineer Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division. Following this tour, he was assigned to the Pentagon on Army staff, serving in the G-8, with specific duties managing current force modernization and setting the force operations. In June, 2004, Colonel Boulé assumed command of