

deemed her as a perfect fit as the center's supervisor. On July 1, 1982, Ms. Chamblee transitioned into the center supervisor role, and on October 17, 1982, the center opened under her care and guidance.

Virginia Chamblee established programs that have become senior center traditions. In the first week of the center's opening, the Monday Night Dance was established where it has continued to this day. Likewise, the Christmas Luncheon began in 1982 and has developed into one of the largest North Texas senior community pot luck lunches. Another notable tradition from the opening year was the weekly jam sessions, which began as music lessons but developed into a community orchestra of nearly 20 members.

Virginia Chamblee has spent the majority her life serving her community. Throughout her distinguished career, she has been a dedicated and conscientious employee who has always championed seniors. She is known for her kindness, gentle spirit, and willingness to listen to any problem and extend a helping hand.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in honoring Virginia Chamblee for her 40 years of public service with the City of Bedford.

RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES OF THE OFFICERS AND THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WITH 25 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE HOUSE AND RECIPIENTS OF THE HOUSE EMPLOYEE EXCELLENCE AWARD

HON. DANIEL E. LUNGEN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2012

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize outstanding employees of the Officers (Clerk of the House, Sergeant at Arms, and Chief Administrative Officer) and the Inspector General of the U.S. House of Representatives who have reached the milestone of 25 years of service to the U.S. House of Representatives, as well as the recipients of the House Employee Excellence Award.

The House's most important asset is its dedicated and exceptional employees, whose work, often behind the scenes, is vital in keeping the operations and services of the House running smoothly and efficiently. The employees we recognize today are acknowledged and commended for their hard work, dedication, professionalism, support of House Members, their staffs and constituents, and for their contributions day-in and day-out to the overall operations of the House. These employees have a wide range of responsibilities that support the legislative process, ensure the security of the institution, maintain our technology and service infrastructure, and contribute to a more effective and efficiently operating House support structure. They have accomplished many great things in a wide range of activities, and the House of Representatives and its Members, staff, and the general public, are better served because of them.

We honor the individuals named below for 25 years of dedicated service to the House.

Collectively, this group has provided four hundred and twenty-five (425) years of service to the U.S. House of Representatives:

Kevin M. Allison, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

Harold Blakney, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

Thomas H. Blatnik, Office of the Sergeant at Arms

Clarence G. Butler, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

David Carreiro, Office of the Clerk

Darren Dahlstrom, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

Scott Derrick, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

Kelda Y. Dunklin, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

Wesley D. Jones, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

Kent Kahler, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

Kevin S. Kelley, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

Ronald M. Mullvain, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

Sandra Q. Pilkerton, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

Deborah M. Robertson, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

Joe T. Taylor, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

Kimberly von Harders, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

Richard E. Wright, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

We also recognize and congratulate four House employees for receiving the Employee Excellence Award. This is a merit-based award, given to one employee from each House Officer organization, and the Office of Inspector General. Selected employees exhibited outstanding overall job performance and displayed a willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty throughout the last year. We honor the individuals named below for receiving this prestigious award.

Monica Barnabae, Paige Beatty, and The HRCCC Staff, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

Stefan J. Bieret, Office of the Sergeant at Arms

Charles M. McGee, Office of the Clerk

Joseph C. Picolla, Office of Inspector General

On behalf of the entire House community, I extend congratulations and once again recognize and thank these employees for their professionalism and commitment to the U.S. House of Representatives as a whole, and in particular to their respective House Officers and the Inspector General. Their long hours and hard work are invaluable, and their years of unwavering service, dedication, and commitment to the House set an example for their colleagues and other employees who will follow in their footsteps. I celebrate our honorees, and I am proud to stand before you and the nation on their behalf to recognize the importance of their public service.

NATIONAL SECURITY AND JOB PROTECTION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise in opposition to the so-called National Security and Jobs Protection Act. This legislation is another attempt by House Republicans to force severe spending cuts that would harm middle class families, while protecting tax breaks for millionaires.

This bill is an election year talking point, not a genuine solution to preventing massive across-the-board budget cuts looming in January 2013. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office determined this legislation would do nothing to prevent budget sequestration. H.R. 6365 cannot take effect unless a separate bill implementing the policies of the House Republican Budget becomes law. The House Republican Budget turns Medicare into a voucher program, runs deficits for 29 years, provides trillions of dollars in additional tax cuts to millionaires and billionaires, and forces layoffs for thousands of police officers, firefighters, and teachers. President Obama and the Democratic Senate would never impose such a radical and destructive plan on America's families and communities.

The American people should be thankful H.R. 6365 will never become law, since it embodies the same flawed policies as the House Republican Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Resolution. It seeks to replace the budget sequester House Republicans originally supported with cuts to America's women, children, seniors, and middle class families. H.R. 6365 insulates the Defense Department from spending reductions even though the Pentagon's budget doubled over the past decade and the war in Iraq is over. H.R. 6365 refuses to ask millionaires and billionaires to share the sacrifices it demands of middle class families.

The budget sequester must be prevented from taking effect. House Democrats are ready to compromise and vote to replace the sequester with a balanced deficit reduction plan that includes a combination of spending reductions and revenue increases. Every mainstream economist agrees this is the only approach that will reduce long-term deficits and avoid plunging the economy back into recession. Regrettably, the bill on the floor today chooses ideology over compromise and prolongs the wait for the solutions our economy needs to grow and create jobs.

I urge my colleagues to oppose H.R. 6365.

HONORING CARLA LAEMMLE ON HER 103RD BIRTHDAY

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2012

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to rise in recognition of Carla Laemmle on the occasion of her 103rd birthday.

Carla is the niece of Carl Laemmle, who founded Universal Studios. She grew up on the Universal Studios lot in the early days of

the San Fernando Valley, the area I now represent. She began her long professional acting career at the age of 16 with an uncredited role as the prima ballerina in the original silent film version of the Phantom of the Opera, demonstrating her many years of training in classical dance. Carla is perhaps best known for her role in Dracula, starring Bela Lugosi. Her role in Dracula made her the person who spoke the first line of dialogue ever in a horror movie. She is now the last surviving cast member of both films.

Carla acted and danced in many more films, including Broadway Melody, in which she danced out of an oyster shell in a scene designed by famous artist and fashion designer Erté. That film became the first musical to win a Best Picture Oscar at the Academy Awards. And, more than eighty years after her debut on the silver screen, Carla will return to theaters soon in a new horror movie, Mansion of Blood.

Carla continues to make her home in Hollywood, CA—a place that is home for her in a way that few others will ever experience. She will celebrate her remarkable milestone with four generations of Laemmle family members, many of whom have remained in Los Angeles.

Please join me in wishing Carla a very happy birthday and many happy returns.

CRANIOFACIAL ACCEPTANCE MONTH

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2012

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize September as Craniofacial Acceptance Month.

Today, there are approximately 100,000 babies born in the United States each year with a craniofacial disorder affecting the head, neck, extremities, and/or organs. It can be caused by a birth defect, disease or trauma. In many cases, reconstructive surgery can correct these problems early, often while the children are still infants. Additionally, over the past 30 years, the medical community has made great strides in improving the quality of life for those affected by this disorder.

Craniofacial disorders not only take a physical, mental, and social toll on the individual, but on family and friends as well. Being accepted by others is a natural human desire, but it's not always easy for children born with these facial disfigurements to fit in, especially in school and social settings. Craniofacial Acceptance Month encourages individuals and organizations to promote awareness and acceptance in their community and support programs and services available to individuals with facial differences. We must always remember there is a heart beyond each face.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the organizations, such as Children's Craniofacial Association, and the American citizens who have aided those affected by a craniofacial disorder.

HONORING THE VOLUSIA HONOR AIR PROGRAM, VOLUNTEERS AND DONORS

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2012

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Volusia Honor Air program. This program is designed to honor and recognize the veterans we often refer to as the "Greatest Generation."

Over the past 5 years, the Volusia Honor Air program has provided an opportunity for our World War II Veterans from the central Florida area to travel to Washington, DC to visit the memorial built in their honor. That one-day event for these World War II heroes is one of the most special in their lives and is certainly well deserved.

Since the first flight in 2008, the program has accommodated more than 1,000 veterans in hosting a special visit to their memorial. The flight on September 29, 2012, will mark the 10th and final flight for the program.

I would like to first recognize the Volusia County Rotary Clubs who helped arrange and underwrite this program. Let me also pay special tribute to Volusia Honor Air Chairman Bill Mancinik for his leadership and the countless others whose services and donations have been essential to making the program such an overwhelming success.

While it is impossible to list every guardian who accompanied the veterans, I would like to thank each and every one of them for their time and dedication in honoring these heroes.

However, I would like to specifically name the leaders of each flight and those committee members whose tireless efforts in organizing these intricate trips to Washington have made the events go so smoothly.

The leaders of the ten flights are Chairman Bill Mancinik, Ray Heffington, Mike Hill, Bernadette Britz-Parker, Brad Strickland, Roger Baumgartner, Morgan Gilreath, Mike Brooks, Geof Felton and Wayne Gordin.

Serving on the Volusia Honor Air Committee are Chairman Bill Mancinik, Jeff Bumb, Mike White, John Cheney, Gloria Denston, Paul Goldberg, David Brannon, Russell Kelton, Andy Grose, Bob Lloyd, Mary Kay Everts, Judi Whitaker, and Jack Ross.

As we all know, it takes more than just the dedication of those who volunteer; specifically it takes a lot of money to make these events happen. Thankfully, the Volusia Honor Air program has had a host of generous donors over the years helping to underwrite the expenses for our WWII Veterans to make their trip to Washington.

These generous donors include the County of Volusia, Florida, the Paul B. and Constance D. Hunter Charitable Foundation, Inc., Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Cambata Aviation International, LLC, Florida Game Promotions, LLC, Coggins Auto Group, American Legion Posts and Auxiliaries, VFW Posts and Auxiliaries, the Rotary Club of Daytona Beach, the DeLand Breakfast Rotary, R. Michael Hill, Staed Family Associates, Steve and Bernadette Parker, the Rotary Club of DeLand, the Rotary Club of Downtown DeLand, Daytona State College, Morgan and Beth Gilreath, Meeting Matters Plus, Inc., TD Bank, Wayne Gordin, Homewood Suites by Hilton, the

DeLand Elks #1463, Conrad Yelvington, Majors Medical Supply, Inc., Sweetwater Medical Central, Halifax Hospital, and Florida Hospital in Ormond Beach.

It has been my honor and pleasure to accompany our veterans during most of these trips to Washington and I will always remember the satisfaction, joy and solace I have witnessed in these remarkable men and women and often their family members as they visited our most cherished memorials in our nation's capital.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and congratulating the Volusia Honor Air Program and the service of all of our World War II veterans.

REMEMBERING WILLIAM F. FAHERTY, JR. FOR A LIFETIME OF DEDICATED SERVICE

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2012

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember the life of William F. Faherty. Bill dedicated his life to his family and often answered the call of public service. Born in Trenton, Bill was raised in New Jersey, graduated from Rutgers University and has more recently lived in Allamuchy.

Bill became a leader in the government of his home city of Trenton and was a banking executive with First National Bank. He was later called to serve in many positions in state government. He was appointed deputy commissioner of the Department of Banking and Insurance by Governor Richard Hughes. He was named executive director of the New Jersey European Trade Mission to England, France and West Germany by Governor Brendan Byrne. Governor Tom Kean selected him to be executive director of finance for the Governor's Management Improvement Firm. He was involved in planning that continues to bring enjoyment to millions of people being instrumental in the development of the Meadowlands, home of his beloved Giants, and the birth of gaming in Atlantic City. He selflessly served governors of both parties putting service ahead of partisanship.

Bill also was a man of charity. He raised many funds for the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Foundation and the State Council on the Arts and was a trustee of the New Jersey State Police Memorial Association. He was a member of various boards of directors, including those of the Waterloo Foundation, Hackettstown Community Hospital and the Battleship New Jersey Commission and was a member of the board of trustees for Rutgers Business School, the Partnership for a Drug Free New Jersey and the Drumthwacket Foundation.

Bill was devoted to his loving wife, Saralan, his predeceased son William F. Faherty III, daughters, Faith Faherty Cust and Hope Faherty, son-in-law, Jack Cust, brother, Patrick, and four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

I join William Faherty's family and friends in remembering him for his public service to the State of New Jersey, his love of his family and the lives touched by his philanthropic work.