

In sharing his diagnosis, President Reagan also hoped to promote greater awareness of the disease. Although awareness of Alzheimer's has grown, we need to continue educating others about the disease. While there is still no cure or prevention for Alzheimer's, with early detection one can get the maximum benefit from available treatments that may provide some relief and help maintain independence longer. I encourage everyone to know the early warning signs and how they differ from typical age-related changes. For example, suffering from memory loss that disrupts daily life may be an early sign of Alzheimer's, but occasionally forgetting names or appointments, then remembering them later, is normal as we age.

Today, on Alzheimer's Action Day, I stand with the residents of Northern Michigan who are fighting "the long goodbye." I also wish to acknowledge and honor their dedicated caregivers. Thank you for the courage and perseverance you display every day.

TRIBUTE TO KENNETH & SARAH
RAMSEY

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2012

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to two natives of southeastern Kentucky, Kenneth and Sarah Ramsey for their inspiring success, spanning more than 40 years in the making. Starting as young entrepreneurs from Artemus, Kentucky, Ken and Sarah now own one of the premier thoroughbred farms in the nation, the Ramsey Farm in Nicholasville, Kentucky.

Ken had a rough start in the horse racing industry in 1969 when he discovered his \$1,500 thoroughbred was blind in one eye and never started. Ken held a trainer's license briefly before becoming an executive in the trucking business. The Ramseys later dabbled in real estate before investing in cellular telephone franchises. It was the extra money from the cell phone business that enabled Ken and Sarah to return to their true love of horses.

The Ramseys bought the famed Almahurst Farm in 1994 after selling their cellular telephone business. Almahurst was the birthplace of the 1918 Kentucky Derby winner Exterminator and standardbred hero Greyhound. They changed the name of the farm, but continued its legendary success.

With their fierce competitive spirit and passion for horses, Ken and Sarah have become leading figures in the horse racing industry, earning Ramsey Farm the highest praise and most coveted awards. Their lofty honors include the 2011 and 2004 Eclipse Award for Outstanding Owners and the first recipients of the John Deere Outstanding Breeders of the 2011 Breeders' Cup Challenge series and the Breeders' Cup World Championships.

They have also won leading owner titles at Belmont, Keeneland, Saratoga, Gulfstream Park, Ellis Park, Turfway, and currently hold the record at Churchill Downs with the most owner titles won in the 135-year history of the track. The Ramseys also found success on the world stage when their thoroughbred, Roses in May won the Dubai World Cup in 2005.

The majority of their success came with homebreds by their 2004 champion turf mare, Kitten's Joy, a namesake of Ken's first love, Sarah whom he had nicknamed "Kitten" in 1954. Ken still enjoys sharing each win with his family and friends by inviting them to help him walk each horse into the winner's circle, whether it's a \$5,000 claimer or a Grade I stakes winner.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Kenneth and Sarah Ramsey, for their impressive careers and their continued support of projects in their rural hometown in southeastern Kentucky.

CELEBRATING BIENVENIDOS' 25TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2012

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Bienvenidos, an organization dedicated to healing children, strengthening families and transforming communities in Los Angeles, on their 25th anniversary.

Bienvenidos opened its doors in June of 1987 to a young child, Miracle, to begin addressing the growing number of abused and neglected infants and toddlers in Los Angeles County. From the outset, they realized that children who do not have the care, guidance and support they need are less likely to grow into successful, self-sufficient and productive adolescents and adults.

Bienvenidos has spent the last 25 years developing comprehensive services for children and families and promoting long-term positive outcomes. The array of programs and services they provide are designed to heal children and families in crisis, as well as break generational cycles of abuse, neglect and other dysfunctional behaviors.

As a pillar in greater East Los Angeles and the San Gabriel Valley, Bienvenidos has made it a priority to develop roots within the community by leading collaborative initiatives, engaging community residents to develop services and resources in response to their needs, and bringing funding into the area. Today, Bienvenidos serves more than 19,000 children and their families through the dedicated work of 200 professional staff at 12 locations.

Ultimately, what sets Bienvenidos apart is their ability to give hope to those who have all but lost it. Bienvenidos gives people the tools and coping skills they need to become self-sufficient, and through the love and support of their staff, they give them someone who believes in them.

I once again congratulate Bienvenidos on the celebration of their 25th anniversary. I thank them for their continued service to the children and families of Los Angeles and their dedication to making our community a better place to live.

NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION
DAY 2012

HON. DAN BENISHEK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2012

Mr. BENISHEK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to observe that September 21, 2012, is National POW/MIA Recognition Day, and remember those who have suffered in captivity in foreign lands, and the many who have never returned home from combat.

This day affords us an opportunity to pay tribute to those who experienced unimaginable hardship under enemy imprisonment in service to this great country, but who, through their strength and determination, gained their freedom and returned home as heroes. For those still missing, we continue our commitment to never rest until all are accounted for and their families have peace from the knowledge of learning what happened to their loved ones.

We can never repay the debt we owe to those who have devoted their lives in service to this country; we can only continue to demonstrate our gratitude and admiration by honoring and calling attention to their sacrifices. The haunting black and white flag honoring America's prisoners of war and those missing in action, which hangs outside my office, today will fly over the United States Capitol, the White House, the World War II Memorial, the Vietnam Memorial, the Korean War Veterans Memorial, and many homes across the country. This flag reminds all Americans of our veterans' sacrifices, and that our mission is never complete until every man and woman who defended America in distant lands returns home.

On behalf of the constituents of Michigan's First District, I wish to thank all the veterans in Northern Michigan for their tremendous strength and bravery. And for the families of those who are still missing, we renew our promise to never rest until your loved ones arrive back under your care.

RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF WEST CHESTER FISH, GAME AND WILDLIFE ASSOCIATION

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2012

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the West Chester Fish, Game and Wildlife Association of Chester County, Pennsylvania on its 75th anniversary.

Founded on September 21, 1937 by 107 local sportsmen, the West Chester Fish, Game and Wildlife Association has enjoyed a rich and storied history. Even prior to its date of founding, its members actively worked to address the problem of pollution in the Brandywine River caused by paper mills. These efforts led to, in some cases, the prosecution of the owners and operators of these mills.

Throughout its history, the Association has also operated a fish stocking program beginning in 1937 when 2,200 fingerling bass were released in the Brandywine. In 1941, these efforts expanded to purchasing and stocking trout in West Valley Creek. Later, in 1964, the

Association began raising its own trout at a location that is today one of the oldest, continuously operating Cooperative Trout Nurseries of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, raising and stocking over 3,000 trout annually.

Today, the West Chester Fish, Game and Wildlife Association is engaged in numerous enterprises, including conducting an annual Hunter and Trapper Safety Course, extensive stream restoration projects, fishing rodeos, establishing and maintaining a local nature center, and awarding the annual R. David Heller Scholarship to a local student. Through these efforts, the Association and its nearly 400 members, continues to be responsible stewards of the environment.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in congratulating the West Chester Fish, Game and Wildlife Association and its remarkable history on the occasion of its 75th anniversary and to extend best wishes on its continued prosperity and longevity.

BISHOP GEORGE EDWARD BATTLE,
JR.

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2012

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Bishop George Edward Battle, Jr. on his installment as Chair of the Board of Trustees for Livingstone College. Bishop Battle's lifelong leadership made to communities throughout North Carolina and to Livingstone College makes him uniquely qualified to serve in this capacity.

A native of Rocky Mount, NC, Bishop Battle is himself a graduate of Livingstone College, where he earned his bachelor's degree. He holds a Master of Divinity from Hood Theological Seminary, and earned a Doctor of Ministry from Howard University in Washington, DC.

By profession, Bishop Battle is a premier pastor within the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Presently, he serves as Senior Bishop of the A.M.E. Zion Church and as Presiding Prelate of the Piedmont Episcopal District, which includes several North Carolina jurisdictions. In addition, Bishop Battle is herald as a community advocate and leader in the fields of education, business, and public activism.

After more than 40 years of community service, Bishop Battle's accolades are too numerous to name. He has garnered dozens of awards for his tireless work with children, young people, and in grassroots political engagement. His management, educational leadership, and commitment to community will without question benefit the Livingstone College community.

Mr. Speaker, for these reasons and more, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Bishop George Edward Battle, Jr. on his appointment as Chair of Livingstone Board of Trustees.

H.R. 3409

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2012

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, today the House is voting on H.R. 3409, the so-called "Stop the War on Coal" bill. I am strongly opposed to this legislation and joined many of my colleagues in voting against it, because it endangers our environment, the public's health, and the stability of the American auto industry.

While this bill is about much more than just coal, I want to take a moment to be clear about my position on coal: it is an energy source from our past, not for our future. We must reduce our reliance on coal for generating electricity at home and abroad. I have long been fighting to protect and strengthen the Clean Air Act.

Predictable enforcement of the Clean Air Act and the Clean Water Act helps protect our health, keep our air and water clean, and provides regulatory certainty to American businesses. As countries around the world strengthen their environmental protections, it is concerning to watch the United States move backwards. Not only does this bill restrict the Environmental Protection Agency's power to protect public health, but it changes the regulatory process to blatantly prioritize profits over human health. It also rolls back an industry-negotiated agreement to strengthen tailpipe emission standards.

I supported many of the attempts to improve this bill, including an amendment to implement a renewable energy standard, an amendment to require a study on the public health impacts of coal dust, and an amendment to allow the Environmental Protection Agency to take action under the Clean Air Act when such action would reduce our reliance on oil. Unfortunately, the Republican majority defeated all of these commonsense amendments.

We find ourselves in this debate due to the lack of comprehensive national policies on energy and global warming. The actions we should take now would help us move forward into the clean energy economy; instead of focusing on the past. We should lead by example and enforce the Clean Air Act against older, inefficient plants to make them clean up or shut down. We should enforce the Clean Water Act to restrict or shut down mountain top removal coal mining. When the economy strengthens, we should enact a carbon tax to discourage the production and export of our carbon pollution. And finally, we should fight for international action global greenhouse gas emissions so that emerging global economies do not destabilize the global climate.

While this bill is upsetting enough on its own, it is particularly frustrating given the work that Congress has failed to do this session. We have yet to address tax reform, the looming budget sequestration, or even the Farm Bill. Instead, Republican leadership has decided to spend this week to vote on policies that we have already voted on several times, and that have no chance of becoming law.

I offered an amendment to strike the language in H.R. 3409 and replace it with broadly supported, bipartisan language to extend the Production Tax Credit. This language would have helped protect tens of thousands of man-

ufacturing jobs across the country, and helped move the United States into the clean energy economy. I am frustrated that we did not have a chance to vote on that important amendment, which would have created jobs in Oregon, strengthened United States manufacturers, and improved our public health and our environment.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF HOUSE TOWARD ESTABLISHMENT OF A DEMOCRATIC AND PROSPEROUS REPUBLIC OF GEORGIA

SPEECH OF

HON. GREGORY W. MEEKS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Mr. MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak in favor of H. Res. 526.

The House consideration of H. Res. 526 this week coincides with the final weeks of preparation for the October 1st Parliamentary elections in Georgia. The international community is watching the election closely, and I would like to commend the Georgian government for facilitating both long and short term international election observers to ensure that both the pre-election environment and the election itself is conducted in accordance with international standards.

It is critical that all political parties in Georgia participate constructively in the election process, and that campaign and election laws are followed and applied fairly and transparently. I call on all political forces to accept the election results as legitimate, if deemed so by credible, international election observers.

I believe more must be done to ensure that smaller political parties have access to the main televised media platforms of both the ruling party and opposition. The 'must offer, must carry' provisions passed by the Georgian Parliament are a step in the right direction, and I urge the Parliament to consider making these provisions permanent.

I would like to commend the National Democratic Institute, the International Republican Institute and the OSCE for their work with both the Georgian government and opposition to ensure that peaceful, credible elections take place. It is crucial that the Georgian electorate and the international community has confidence in this process, in order for Georgia to continue on its path towards democratic and economic reforms, and continued Euro-Atlantic integration.

Georgia remains a critical ally, and one of the strongest pro-western countries which has proven itself immensely capable in Afghanistan and other conflict zones, currently as the largest non-NATO troop contributing nation to ISAF.

NATO allies agreed at the recent summit in Chicago to enhance Georgia's connectivity with the Alliance. Georgia's ability to build on reforms made to date to foster greater political competition, labor rights and judicial independence will be an opportunity for Georgia to prove itself when measured by international standards. Georgia's NATO aspirations will be facilitated by the ability to meet those standards and conduct free, fair and inclusive elections in 2012 and 2013.

I commend the Georgian government's progress on transparency and the fight against