

HONORING POLICE CHIEF DAN
MCCOLLUM

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI
OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, September 25, 2012

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Police Chief Dan McCollum, who will celebrate his 40th year in law enforcement on September 25, 2012. To show their appreciation for his service, the Village of La Grange Park will host a reception in his honor.

Throughout his 40 years in law enforcement, including 16 years as Police Chief in La Grange Park, Chief McCollum has served residents around Illinois and in Corvallis, Oregon. In his work to protect his community he has gained a reputation as a professional and honest public servant, consistently demonstrating his strong character. For example, in 1979 when he was a young police chief, his squad car broke down on a rural road in central Illinois during a blizzard. Surrounded by the severe, rapidly approaching storm, he chose not to wait for a passing car, but sought shelter at the nearest house. Although he had made previous arrests at this residence prior to the storm, Chief McCollum took his chances. The storm was so severe, that he would end up staying with the residents for two days until the storm had finally passed. It is this ability to develop relationships even in the face of adversity that sets him apart, and allowed him to earn his position as the youngest police chief in the state at age 24 in Villa Grove, Illinois, and eventually his current post as chief in La Grange Park.

Chief McCollum now serves the 13,000 residents of the Village of La Grange Park, just as he has since 1996. He and the rest of the Police Department are committed to maintaining peace in La Grange Park by safeguarding the community and forming bonds of trust with those they protect. Chief McCollum believes that to be an officer in LaGrange Park, one must be oriented toward public service and should be a problem-solver in the community. His leadership drives this police force and is an important reason why the residents of La Grange Park have so much respect for their police.

As the La Grange Park Police Chief, Dan McCollum has been recognized on several occasions for his dedication to past and present police officers and public safety. Chief McCollum was appointed President for the Illinois Association of Law Enforcement Executives and has since served in this position for the past three years. Working within this non-profit organization, he has helped to provide more opportunities for professional training and advancement of current and retired law enforcement members. He has also received the 2008 Governor's Lifetime Achievement Award from the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board in Springfield.

Away from the stress of the police station, Chief McCollum has also led a fulfilling personal life. He is a former rock and roll musician, an avid fisherman, and an exceptional cook. Dan's wife, Nancy, and his three children, Sarah, Matthew, and Patrick, will be very proud to see him honored for his longtime service.

Please join me in honoring Police Chief Dan McCollum for his dedicated service to the La

Grange Park community on the occasion of his 40th year of service. May he continue to be a stalwart public servant in La Grange Park for years to come.

STEM JOBS ACT OF 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, September 20, 2012

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 6429, the STEM Jobs Act.

Our Nation should be first in the world in science, technology, engineering and math. I'm pleased that we are in agreement on the urgency of this goal. However, this legislation has two big problems which are highly detrimental to our mutual goal.

The first problem is that this legislation takes unnecessary, unfair steps to reduce legal immigration, such as cutting the Diversity Program. The Diversity Program is one of the few existing pathways for African applicants to enter our Nation legally. Cutting this program will not enhance our Nation's STEM competitiveness.

The second problem is that this legislation allows American employers to pay inferior wages to foreign STEM graduates—forcing American workers to compete on an unlevel playing field.

We can do better than the STEM Jobs Act. Representative LOFGREN's legislation, the Attracting the Best and Brightest Act, ensures that students who earn advanced STEM degrees in America stay in America and contribute to our Nation's prosperity. It creates a new visa category for applicants with advanced STEM degrees, and importantly, takes steps to protect the wages of Americans—a consideration which absolutely must be taken into account.

The Attracting the Best and Brightest Act does not contain the harmful immigration provisions of the STEM Jobs Act. Rather, it represents a commonsense solution to a very real problem.

I am pleased that Republicans, Democrats, and the Administration all agree we should do more to ensure that our Nation benefits from the talents, skills, and ideas of our advanced STEM graduates. However, the STEM Jobs Act legislation takes the wrong approach, and I regrettably urge my colleagues to oppose it.

NATIONAL WORK AND FAMILY MONTH

HON. TODD RUSSELL PLATTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, September 25, 2012

Mr. PLATTS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the month of October 2012 as National Work and Family Month. At this time each year, National Work and Family Month reminds us of the many ways that strong work-family policies continue to create and maintain healthier and more flexible work environments.

These programs and practices—from workplace flexibility such as flextime and telecom-

muting, to sick and family leave, dependent and day care resources, and even stress management and community involvement initiatives—are highly effective in attracting a loyal and talented workforce. Yet there is always room for improvement. As more of America's organizations incorporate work-family policies such as those mentioned above, the greater the competitive edge we will have in the recruitment and retention of our loyal and talented workforce.

Since a bipartisan resolution established National Work and Family Month in October 2003, Congress has consistently acknowledged the importance of good family-work policies and celebrated the progress made in expanding the availability and use of workplace flexibility. This October, I seek again to raise awareness of National Work and Family Month and encourage my colleagues to also acknowledge the overwhelmingly positive effect of a healthy balance between work and family life on workforce engagement, motivation and satisfaction.

CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY, CITY OF MULLENS, WEST VIRGINIA

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, September 25, 2012

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to share with our colleagues a very significant anniversary being celebrated this year by the good people of Mullens, West Virginia. It was 100 years ago that the City of Mullens was incorporated. Throughout the year, families and local businesses have been celebrating this centennial milestone achievement.

Known as the Dogwood City, the city's Annual Dogwood Festival draws families and friends from all over to share in nature's beauty with the blooming of so many dogwood trees throughout the area. The refreshing little spring blooms bring forth new hope and the promise of a new season. This is a message well received in this town that has truly known boom times as well as some bad times.

Like the strong dense wood of the little dogwood tree, the people of this American small town are resilient and find strength in tradition and the deep roots their families have established in this home among Appalachia's majestic mountains. And like the finely grained wood of the dogwood, when it is finished and polished, the beauty ingrained in these good neighbors shines through to all who are touched by their many kindnesses. For anyone who happens by their fair city will find hospitality, friendliness and lending a helping hand are the rule not the exception.

The roots of Mullens' contributions though extend well beyond its city limits. The citizens of Mullens are rightfully proud of their heritage as a rail and coal center to help fuel this Nation's energy needs. Hard work, determination and a boundless optimism that one's children will have a brighter future are the core values of the families that daily recognize the many blessings flowing from the benevolent hand of the Almighty.

As Mullens continues its centennial celebration this year, I am honored to be invited to participate in Mullens Centennial Parade this Saturday. It is a fine example of how successful this community is in bringing townspeople

together to spread the word far and wide that Mullens, West Virginia is looking forward to its next 100 years.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2012

Mr. ROSS of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, on September 19–21, 2012, I was not present for the following votes.

Rollcall vote 585 on passage of H.R. 5044, the Andrew P. Carpenter Tax Act. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes.”

Rollcall vote 586 on passage of H.R. 5912, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prohibit the use of public funds for political party conventions. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes.”

Rollcall vote 587, on ordering the previous question providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 118 and H.R. 3409. Had I been present, I would have voted “no.”

Rollcall vote 588, on agreeing to the resolution providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 118 and H.R. 3409. Had I been present, I would have voted “no.”

Rollcall vote 589 on passage of H.J. Res. 118, Providing for congressional disapproval of the rule submitted by the Office of Family Assistance of the Administration for Children and Families of the Department of HHS relating to waiver and expenditure authority under the Social Security Act with respect to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program. Had I been present, I would have voted “no.”

Rollcall vote 590, on passage of HR 6429, To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to promote innovation, investment, and research in the United States, to eliminate the diversity immigrant program, and for other purposes. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes.”

Rollcall vote 591, on passage of H.R. 5987, to establish the Manhattan Project National Historical Park in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, Los Alamos, New Mexico, and Hanford, Washington, and for other purposes. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes.”

Rollcall vote 592, on Markey of Massachusetts Amendment No. 1. Had I been present, I would have voted “no.”

Rollcall vote 593, on Waxman of California Amendment No. 3. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes.”

Rollcall vote 594, on Kelly of Pennsylvania Amendment No. 4. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes.”

Rollcall vote 595, on Markey of Massachusetts Amendment No. 5. Had I been present, I would have voted “no.”

Rollcall vote 596, on Jackson Lee of Texas Amendment No. 8. Had I been present, I would have voted “no.”

Rollcall vote 597, on McKinley of West Virginia Amendment No. 9. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes.”

Rollcall vote 598, on Markey of Massachusetts Amendment No. 10. Had I been present, I would have voted “no.”

Rollcall vote 599, on DeFazio of Oregon Amendment No. 11. Had I been present, I would have voted “no.”

Rollcall vote 600, on Flake of Arizona Amendment No. 12. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes.”

Rollcall vote 601, Gosar of Arizona Amendment No. 13. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes.”

Rollcall vote 602, on motion to recommit, to limit the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to issue regulations before December 31, 2013, under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes.”

Rollcall vote 603, on passage of H.R. 3409, the Coal Miner Employment and Domestic Energy Infrastructure Protection Act. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes.”

HONORING LIEUTENANT COLONEL EDWARD F. MALINOWSKI

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2012

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lieutenant Colonel Edward F. Malinowski, who is retiring from the United States Air Force Reserve after more than 31 years of dedicated service. His time in the Air Force exemplifies the commitment and sacrifice our nation's armed service members are willing to make to protect American freedom and values around the world.

Lt. Col. Malinowski has been a lifelong resident of the Chicago area. He and his wife, Sharon, and their three children, Christina, Edward Jr., and Matthew, currently reside in Burbank, Illinois, a city I proudly represent.

Edward Malinowski was promoted to his current rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Force Reserve's 910th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron in October 2006. He exhibited an excellent aptitude throughout his career in overseeing the safety and maintenance of Air Force aircraft. Lt. Col. Malinowski has helped maintain the squadron with the longest flying safety record of any Air Force unit to date. And his service goes well beyond maintaining aircraft: in the Reserve he assisted with a critical sandbagging mission along the Mississippi River during the 1993 floods and his squad saved a man's life after he drove his car off a levy.

His record and experience in the Air Force Reserve led him to private sector work which included managing Chicago's Meigs Field Airport, where he oversaw the airport's safe closure. Aside from his numerous honors and accomplishments Lt. Col. Malinowski gave a great deal back to the community. He donated his time and knowledge by introducing intercity children to the joys of flight through the Young Eagles Program. He is also a Medinah Shriner life member and has provided aid to injured children by volunteering to fly victims to the organization's hospitals and burn centers.

Whether it was organizing a group of 2,000 citizens for the Presidential Inaugural Parade or being deployed in Southeast Asia to aid a logistics unit that supported combat aircraft in Iraq and Afghanistan, Lt. Col. Malinowski has continuously answered the call to serve our nation. Please join me in honoring this man who has done so much for his country and community. May he enjoy a long and well deserved retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2012

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, as I have stated in the past, I am inclined to vote “no” on any suspension bill that seeks to enact complex and controversial legislation through a process designed for non-controversial legislation and relatively minor changes in law.

I have consistently opposed the diversity visa lottery program. However, there are substantial flaws in H.R. 6429. Congress should consider abolishing the diversity visa lottery through the regular process with full debate and with the consideration of amendments.

For the same reason, I also voted against H.R. 5987 because I believe that bill deserves further analysis, debate and amendment.

There are times when I will vote for a complex or controversial suspension bill when the merits are overwhelming and the bill is, in my view, not in need of amendment. Both of the last two votes of Thursday, September 20, 2012, did not meet that standard.

H.R. 6429 failed to pass under suspension of the rules. I believe that the diversity visa lottery should be abolished, but that the approach taken by H.R. 6429 is not the best policy.

DISAPPROVING RULE RELATING TO WAIVER AND EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY WITH RESPECT TO THE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES PROGRAM

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to H.J. Res. 118, the Election-Year Partisan Welfare Resolution. This political stunt—based entirely on untruths—is a futile attempt to distort the Administration's position in order to score political points.

As independent fact-checkers and experts have resoundingly stated, the Administration's proposal to help states move more people from welfare to work does nothing to undermine the 1996 Welfare Reform law. The HHS notice emphasizes that these waivers must improve the employment of welfare recipients. Governors must ensure that their proposals will move at least 20 percent more people from welfare to work. These are the facts.

This strategy, which provides States more flexibility to help get people back to work, is sound policy that cuts red tape and can increase the efficiency of the welfare system. For this reason, two Republican governors requested that HHS offer these waivers. Additionally, the GOP-led House found it unobjectionable enough to pass legislation allowing welfare waivers in 2002, 2003, and 2005.

House Republicans are today wasting precious legislative time that should be spent passing the President's jobs plan, extending middle-class tax cuts, and addressing the fiscal cliff to prevent the disastrous effects of sequestration. Instead, they decided to again put