

of the full committee. I was extremely gratified when Frank agreed—and became just the 12th staff director of the House Appropriations Committee in U.S. history.

His legacy remains on the committee in the many excellent staff members he hired and trained. And he will be missed by the hundreds of members and staff throughout the House and Senate who came to know and admire him. I have no doubt that many will join me in reaching out to his wife, Amy and their four children, and express their sympathy at her loss and their gratitude for having known Frank Cushing.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to provide the obituary for Frank in order for my colleagues to understand what a truly remarkable person and public servant he was:

FRANK MARTIN CUSHING

APRIL 9, 1952–FEBRUARY 6, 2012

Frank Cushing, loving husband, son, father, grandfather, brother, and mentor died at his home in Falls Church on Monday, February 6, 2012. He was 59 years old.

Widely respected for his deep faith, integrity, and love of family and country, Cushing left an indelible mark in public policy through more than 30 years of public service in the House of Representatives, U.S. Senate, and Washington, DC business community. Cushing was widely regarded as one of the most knowledgeable individuals in Washington concerning the congressional appropriations and Federal budget processes.

Cushing graduated from the University of Idaho in 1974 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and completed graduate level work in public policy administration at the University of Idaho and Boise State University in 1974–75. He came to Washington, DC in 1977 to work as a legislative assistant for Senator James McClure of Idaho. Cushing served as clerk of the Senate Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee for Chairman McClure from 1981–84 under full committee Chairman Mark Hatfield of Oregon, and as staff director for the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee under Chairman McClure from 1984–91.

Following a three-year stint as Corporate Vice President of a Fortune 50 energy firm, Cushing returned to Capitol Hill in 1995 to serve as Clerk and Staff Director of the House Veterans Affairs, Housing and Urban Development (VA-HUD) and Independent Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee for then Subcommittee Chairman Jerry Lewis of California under full Committee Chairman Bob Livingston of Louisiana. He left the Hill in 2003 to become a partner at a firm specializing in appropriations consulting but returned to the House in 2005 as the Clerk and Staff Director of the full House Appropriations Committee under newly elected Chairman Lewis. Cushing was the twelfth Clerk and Staff Director of the House Appropriations Committee in U.S. history and today his portrait hangs in the U.S. Capitol with his predecessors dating back to 1865.

Cushing retired from the Hill in 2008 to become a partner in a D.C. law and consulting firm where he devoted his time and energy to public policy, particularly relating to funding for science and education. His integrity, compassion, pragmatism, and masterful political skills were admired by House Members, Senators, and staff on both sides of the aisle. Cushing also served as an At-Large Trustee of the Consortium for Ocean Leadership. He also served on the Advisory Board of the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival at the University of Idaho.

Cushing is survived by his wife, Amy Hamner of Falls Church, VA; his mother, Eliza-

beth Cushing of Arlington, VA; his brother, William P. Cushing, Jr. of Norristown, PA.; 4 children, Christina Abel of Caldwell, ID, Jennifer Dewing of Crandon, WI, Amy Catherine Cushing of Falls Church, VA, and Nathaniel Allen Cushing, of Falls Church, VA; and 12 grandchildren. Friends and family were blessed to join him at home over the last weeks of his life on earth for a time of reflection, confirmation, and joy.

A memorial service celebrating the life and memory of Frank Martin Cushing will be held on Monday, February 13 at 3 p.m. at Columbia Baptist Church, 103 West Columbia Street, Falls Church, VA, where Cushing served as a deacon.

In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to be designated to the Frank Martin Cushing Public Policy Scholarship through the University of Idaho Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 443147, Moscow, ID 83844-3147, as a part of the James A. and Louise McClure Center for Public Policy Research for which Cushing served on the Advisory Board. Contributions may also be directed to CrossLink International, 427 North Maple Avenue, Falls Church, VA 22046.

CONGRATULATING CHARLOTTE
HAWKINS FLOWERS ON HER
112TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 9, 2012

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today and ask my colleagues to join me in wishing a happy 112th birthday to Ms. Charlotte Hawkins Flowers.

Ms. Flowers, or Gram as she is lovingly called by her family, was born on March 20, 1900 in Madison, Florida. Throughout her life, Gram has always taken care of others. Whether friends, families, neighbors or strangers, Gram always was ready to help others in any way she could. Her granddaughter, whom she has lived with in Riviera Beach since 2005, reflected that Gram lived her life in adherence to Ecclesiastes 9:10 which states that: "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might."

With a special place in her heart for helping children, Gram had a in-home day care center in the 60's and 70's and has been a foster grandparent. As the oldest of three daughters and four sons born to Date Hawkins, she left school in the third grade to help care for her siblings. However, she still learned how to read and write and provided her grandchildren with help with their homework.

Gram also has a knack for cooking, working as a cook at Florida State University and also as a private home cook. Although she personally has a sweet tooth and loves Coca-Cola, sweet tea, and sweet potato pie, as a cook, one of her specialties was homemade biscuits. In addition to filling others up with delicious food, she also fills them with wisdom. One of her trademark sayings is "Be careful how you treat people. Because you're up today doesn't mean you won't be down tomorrow." This sentiment was something my grandmother used to also share with me and are words we should all live by every day in caring for others.

To that end, Gram always was active in her church, the Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church in Tallahassee. She believes that it is

her walk with Jesus that keeps her going strong. This strength allowed her until a few years ago to visit the sick and shut-in members of her church. Although she learned to drive, Gram never got her drivers' license or owned a car so she would often walk to make these visits. Even at 111, Gram still tries to help out in any way she can.

Mr. Speaker, on February 20, 2012, Ms. Charlotte Hawkins Flowers will be celebrating her 112th birthday with her son's family in Florida. Although she has survived her six siblings and nine children, she will be surrounded by a multitude of family: 5 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, 11 great-great grandchildren, 16 great-great-great grandchildren, and 4 great-great-great-great grandchildren. It is my distinguished honor to wish her a very happy birthday and congratulate her on reaching this milestone and dedicating her life to caring for others.

HONORING PRINCIPAL YVETTE
AGUIRRE

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 9, 2012

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a pillar of the Sunset Park community, an educator and an advocate for Brooklyn's children. Today, a wing of PS 169 is being dedicated to honor Mrs. Aguirre's years of service to the children of Sunset Park. As a teacher, Mrs. Aguirre saw firsthand the needs and potential of our children. She recognized that, when given the resources and opportunity to learn in the right environment, every child can become a successful member of the community. In that regard, she has been a steadfast champion for relieving overcrowding in our schools and neighborhoods. She successfully led a campaign that united the parents of Sunset Park and helped them coalesce behind a vision of better schools, smaller class sizes and a stronger community.

In 1997, Sunset Park opened Public School 24, an institution that has now served thousands of our community's children. Mrs. Aguirre became the school's first Principal. In that role she was always committed to ensuring students and classrooms were held to high expectations. That guiding philosophy, coupled with strong faculty development and mentoring, served as a recipe for success for all those who passed through PS 24's doors over the years.

While Mrs. Aguirre is now retired, Sunset Park's residents remember her many contributions. Naming a school wing after this prominent leader, woman, educator, principal and mentor is a fitting tribute to her legacy. The name of Principal Yvette Aguirre will remind students and the community of the work of a proud Latina, a positive role model and a champion for education.

Mr. Speaker, talented and passionate educators are a gift. They give of themselves tirelessly in an effort to improve our communities and ensure our children have access to opportunity. Mrs. Aguirre is one of those educators and, today, I would ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring her many achievements.

CITY OF GOLDEN USA PRO CYCLING CHALLENGE STAGE SIX TEAM

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 9, 2012

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud the City of Golden USA Pro Cycling Challenge Stage Six Team for receiving the Chairman's Award from the Greater Golden Chamber of Commerce.

The Greater Golden Chamber of Commerce Chairman's Award is a very special award and is not awarded every year. This award is at the discretion of the Chair. Nominees must contribute a great deal to the overall economic vitality of the Greater Golden Area.

For seven consecutive days, 135 of the world's top athletes raced across 518 miles through the majestic Rockies, reaching higher altitudes than they have ever had to endure, more than two miles in elevation. It featured the best of the best in professional cycling, competing on a challenging course through some of America's most beautiful scenery, including cities such as Aspen, Vail, Breckenridge, Steamboat Springs and Golden.

The USA Pro Cycling Challenge commissioned IFM, a global sports research firm with 20 plus years of cycling experience around the world, to conduct a quantitative research study to measure the overall economic impact of the inaugural cycling event. Their findings showed the economic impact to the State of Colorado was in excess of \$83.5 million. Golden received a great deal of this impact as the crowds in Golden and surrounding areas were enormous. Due to the Golden Team's excellent job in 2011, the City of Golden has been awarded the beginning of the fifth stage for 2012.

I extend my deepest congratulations to the City of Golden USA Pro Cycling Challenge Six Team for this well deserved recognition by the Greater Golden Chamber of Commerce. I have no doubt they will excel in 2012.

FEDERAL RESEARCH PUBLIC ACCESS ACT

HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 9, 2012

Mr. DOYLE. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the opportunity this morning to talk to you about bipartisan legislation I've just introduced: the Federal Research Public Access Act.

When a federally-funded researcher writes a paper, too often that paper gets locked away behind a "pay-wall" and anyone who wants to learn from that federally-funded research has to pay exorbitant subscription or one-time fees.

Our nation benefits when scientists are able to share their research and collaborate—sometimes across different fields of study.

The public benefits when it's able to learn about a rare disease whose only discussion is in a scientific paper. Or when science students are able to access and draw from a broad array of work by other scientists to enhance their research.

Other major funders of scientific research—especially in health—such as the U.K. government or private foundations are increasingly requiring the papers they fund to be available to the public.

Some universities such as Harvard, MIT, Stanford, Carnegie Mellon, and the University of Kansas require papers written by their professors to be made available to the public.

In 2008, the Appropriations Committee expanded the public access policy requirements of the National Institutes of Health. The NIH has since implemented an online public access system called PubMed, which has gotten tremendous support from the scientific community.

I believe we'd all benefit from greater access to cutting edge research, but several specific groups would probably benefit most: Scientists, whose research will be more broadly read; Scholars, who will have fewer barriers to obtaining the research they need and whose research will also be more broadly read; Funders, who will gain from accelerated discovery, facilitation of interdisciplinary research methodologies, preservation of vital research findings, and an improved capacity to manage their research portfolios; and Taxpayers, who will obtain economic and social benefits from the leveraging of their investment in scientific research through effects such as enhanced technology transfer, broader application of research to health care, and more informed policy development.

It's not hard to think of the high school student who wants to major in medicine or science digging around the database looking for ideas.

Nor is it hard to foresee investigators looking at research in other disciplines to get ideas they can apply to their own field.

Or a college student at an undergraduate institution getting access to a journal their college has never been able to purchase.

Or a researcher's publication getting cited more often in other studies because it's easier to find and its reach extended past its original journal's readers.

That's why I've introduced the Federal Research Public Access Act, which would require federal agencies with annual extramural research budgets of \$100 million or more to provide the public with online access to research manuscripts stemming from federally funded research no later than six months after publication in a peer-reviewed journal.

My legislation is a bipartisan effort, and I thank my colleagues, Congressman KEVIN YODER of Kansas and Congressman WM. LACY CLAY of Missouri for joining me to express their strong support for public access to federal research. I'm also pleased to note that my colleagues in the United States Senate have also introduced identical, bipartisan legislation.

I've been working on this issue since the 2006 debate on the reauthorization of the National Institutes of Health. I'm pleased to note that since 2006, the NIH has implemented a public access policy. But it still only applies to the NIH, while research funded by other federal agencies remains difficult or expensive to access.

In 2009, the White House's Office of Science and Technology Policy, OSTP, expressed interest in public access policies and issued a request for public comment on mechanisms that would leverage federal invest-

ments in scientific research and increase access to information that promises to stimulate scientific and technological innovation and competitiveness. In recent months, the OSTP continued this process by collecting a second round of public comments to inform its development of public access policies for federal agencies.

My bill would give the OSTP Congressional direction to assist it in crafting public access policies. I want OSTP to write the strongest, best rule possible. But even they need help and this legislation will provide them with guidance.

I believe that this bipartisan bill strikes a good balance among the needs of scientists, the rights of taxpayers, and the financial interests of companies that have historically published this research in peer-reviewed, usually expensive subscription publications. The bill gives publishers an exclusive six-month period in which the information will be available to subscribers, and it allows them to continue to market the additional value they add to these manuscripts when they publish them.

Mr. Speaker, I hope that we can move this bill through Congress before the end of the year.

RECOGNIZING DR. GENE M. BAINES FOR HIS SERVICES IN THE MISSISSIPPI HEALTH CARE COMMUNITY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 9, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Gene M. Baines of Greenwood, Mississippi. Dr. Baines is the eldest of two children. He was educated in the parochial and public schools of Leflore County and graduated from Amanda Elzy High School in 1972. He received a bachelor of science degree in chemistry from Tougaloo College in 1976. He later attended dental school at the University of Mississippi School of Dentistry where he graduated with his doctor of dental medicine degree in 1980.

Dr. Baines has been a practicing dentist in Greenwood for over 23 years. Prior to establishing his Greenwood practice he was a well respected practicing dentist in Jackson, Mississippi for 8 years. He has extensive post-graduate training in all aspects of general dentistry including cosmetic procedures, endodontic therapy and postodontics. Dr. Baines keeps up with the new advancements in dentistry and chooses to offer enhanced state of comfort and improved oral health.

Dr. Baines serves on the Mississippi Action for Progress Health Advisory Committee and is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Academy of General Dentistry, National Dental Association, Mississippi Dental Society, American Dental Association—Give Kids A Smile, and Greenwood Leflore Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Baines and his wife reside in rural Greenwood where he enjoys traveling, woodworking, photography and is a self-proclaimed connoisseur of jazz music.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in expressing my appreciation to Dr. Gene M. Baines of Greenwood, Mississippi for his outstanding works in the field of dentistry.