

Food Safety Modernization Act requirements, to name just a few. AHPA has been at the forefront with each of these and others, actively and effectively interacting with regulatory agencies on proposals that impact the regulated community and providing guidance and training to regulated businesses.

AHPA and its members should be commended for their ongoing commitment to supporting the responsible commerce of herbs and herbal products in the United States. I once again rise to recognize this momentous occasion and to wish AHPA a happy 30th Anniversary.

CELEBRATING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 14, 2012*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with immense pleasure that I rise today to recognize the Izaak Walton League of America on their 90th Anniversary and to congratulate its members on their many accomplishments. In honor of this exceptional milestone, the Izaak Walton League of America began a yearlong celebration on January 14, 2012, 90 years to the date of the organization's incorporation.

After being formally incorporated on January 14, 1922, in Illinois, the League, which initially consisted of fifty-four admirable men, began to work diligently on conserving natural resources in order to ensure their enjoyment, benefit, and use to the current generation and generations to come. Today, the League consists of 39,000 members and more than 250 community-based chapters who are committed to continuing the legacy and furthering the accomplishments of their predecessors. With a goal in mind to protect the nation's soil, air, wood, waters, and wildlife, the League's members have set high standards, and through hard work and dedication, not only met, but exceeded their goals. To elaborate on just a few examples of the tremendous impact the League's efforts have had on the environment, League leaders played a major role in the formulation of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968, which led to the landmark 1973 Clean Water Act. Furthermore, the League led the way in the creation of the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and today, its members work to ensure these funds are being allocated appropriately, for purposes which include the acquisition of public land and the creation of local opportunities for outdoor recreation. The Izaak Walton League is also to be commended for its role in the creation of the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge, Superior National Forest, Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, and the Everglades and Isle Royale National Parks.

The League's continuous cooperation in working with communities, as well as with Congress, has led to many positive changes involving policies, legislation, and efforts to protect the environment. When it comes to protecting our water sources, defending public lands, establishing farm and energy policy, protecting fish and wildlife, and conservation, the Izaak Walton League's members have

proven that with diligence, teamwork, and an appreciation for nature, everyday citizens can have a major impact on the world.

The Izaak Walton League's dedication to communities is endless. The League has supported programs to keep family farms in business, and groups of League members, known as "Ikes," give their time to help build nature trails, restore stream banks, plant trees and rain gardens, and prevent the spread of invasive species. The Izaak Walton League knows how important it is to invest in the future, and it is with this in mind that the organization annually awards \$125,000 in scholarships to college students seeking their degrees in fields related to conservation and natural resources.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring and congratulating the Izaak Walton League of America on its 90th Anniversary. Through the years, the League's members have dedicated their time and efforts to ensure the conservation of our natural resources, and for this, they are to be recognized and commended.

RECOGNIZING LANGLEY HIGH SCHOOL

**HON. JAMES P. MORAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 14, 2012*

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to recognize the administration, teachers, coaches, and athletic training staff of Langley High School in McLean, Virginia for the care and compassion they showed in helping one of their students detect, cope, and ultimately recover with vigor and honor from an aggressive form of cancer.

In a world that charts success in reaching goals and milestones, Langley High School more than 'measures up.' Although this AAA school is consistently ranked among the best in the country, their care and attention exemplified by their role in Maureen Marsh's life tells a deeper story, holding lessons for everyone to learn from and follow.

As a 14 year-old freshman volleyball player, Maureen continued her intense daily regimen even as her knee pain grew more severe. Despite the doctors' diagnoses as growing pains, the Langley training staff noticed a small bump that the doctors had missed. The bump was osteosarcoma, an aggressive bone cancer. Maureen endured months of intensive chemotherapy and limb-salvage surgery that resulted in her needing to re-learn how to walk. This tall, quiet young woman had clear goals: to stay on track with her schoolwork and to once again play volleyball, something the doctors said would never happen. Most of all, she wanted to be a 'normal' kid, not easy when you are literally fighting for your life.

The team at Langley understood Maureen's wishes and gave her everything she needed during a battle that this young warrior conquered, defying the odds and her doctors' prognostications. Now a junior, she is an honor student and has returned to the volleyball court.

At a time when we could all use some good news, I am proud to recognize all of the staff at Langley for their outstanding work, going far beyond what can be measured quantitatively,

to lift up and support those in their tutelage. To Principal Matt Ragone, Vice Principal Fred Amico, Volleyball coaches Sue Shifflett and Amy Dean, the Langley training staff, administration, and the wonderful teaching staff, I am pleased to take this opportunity to honor your service to our children, as they are our future.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SPECIALIST ROBERT J. TAUTERIS JR.

**HON. JOE DONNELLY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 14, 2012*

Mr. DONNELLY of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to solemnly remember and honor the life and dedicated service of Specialist Robert J. Tauteris Jr., a native son of Hamlet, Indiana, and a proud member of the 713th Engineer Company based in Valparaiso and assigned to 81st Troop Command. Specialist Tauteris died along with three of his fellow soldiers on January 5, 2012 in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan of wounds sustained when their vehicle was hit by a roadside improvised explosive device as they scouted for bombs and potential problems along a major supply route.

The state of Indiana mourns the loss of the four brave men who took on this dangerous mission to ensure the safety of their fellow soldiers. Specialist Tauteris died with his fellow National Guardsmen, Specialist Brian Leonhardt, Specialist Christopher Patterson, and Staff Sergeant Jonathan Metzger. Private Douglas Rachowicz was severely injured in the same incident.

Robert graduated from North Judson High School in 1986 and had worked in manufacturing at Faro Corporation in Plymouth. Robert Tauteris served one tour in Afghanistan with his second deployment when his son Robert Tauteris III enlisted. Father and son left together for Afghanistan in the fall of 2011; Bobby III accompanied his father's body home to Dover Air Force Base.

Robert's awards include the Bronze Star Medal, Posthumous; Purple Heart, Posthumous; Army Good Conduct Medal, Posthumous; Army Achievement Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Afghanistan Campaign Medal with the Bronze Service Star; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Armed Forces Reserve Medal with M Device; Army Service Ribbon; Overseas Service Ribbon; NATO Medal; Combat Action Badge; Driver and Mechanic Badge; Combat and Special Skill Badge; Basic Marksmanship Qualification Badge; and the Overseas Service Bar.

Robert will be remembered by his friends, family, and fellow soldiers as a dedicated, reliable, and hard-working man who cared deeply for his family. He is survived by his sons Robert J. III and Matthew, his father, Robert J. Tauteris, his sister, Tammy Tauteris Smith, brother, Thomas, half-brother Darrel Ray Minix and step-mother Nichelle as well as extended family and friends who are left to treasure his memory.

It is my solemn duty and humble privilege to honor the life, service, and memory of Specialist Robert J. Tauteris Jr. He is a testament to the great honor possessed and sacrifices made by our men and women in the armed

forces. We mourn his passing and offer solemn gratitude for his service and sacrifice.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF BISHOP  
BARNETT KARL THOROUGHGOOD

**HON. E. SCOTT RIGELL**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 14, 2012*

Mr. RIGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to enter a statement into the RECORD on behalf of the family of Bishop Barnett Karl Thoroughgood:

"Bishop Barnett Karl Thoroughgood was born November 7, 1949 in Princess Anne Co., to the parentage of Mr. John Thomas Thoroughgood and Mrs. Mildred B. Cooper Thoroughgood. He was the 7th of 9 children, one whom (John Thoroughgood) preceded him in death.

He received his formative education through the Princess Anne County School system and graduated from the former Union Kempsville High School in 1967. He received many educational honors taking him to his Doctorate of Ministry. In 1970, Bishop Thoroughgood founded the New Jerusalem COGIC. He served as District Superintendent of the Virginia Beach District and 2nd Administrative Assistant to Bishop Samuel L. Green, Jr. He was very active in the community and received numerous awards. He also served as a member of the Virginia Beach Clergy Association and Ministerial Alliance. He was the founder and President of the Hampton Roads Ecumenical Council of Bishops.

Bishop Thoroughgood leaves to cherish his memories his loving wife of 39 years, Mrs. Ernestine Thoroughgood; his sons Bertram, Emmanuel, and Jonnathan; One daughter, Mekia Bonita; four brothers, Olanda (Silvia) Thoroughgood, Darnell (Jean) Thoroughgood, YD (Shylene) Thoroughgood, Paul (Darlene) Thoroughgood; three sisters, Constance Spence, Alice Faye (Purnell) Major, Paulette (Joseph) Spence, one adopted sister, Mable Beckett (Robert) five grandchildren, many children they have adopted and helped through the Social Services Foster Care Program, the New Jerusalem Church family, and the members of the Church of God in Christ worldwide."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JOHN C. CARNEY, JR.**

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 14, 2012*

Mr. CARNEY. Mr. Speaker, I wish to clarify my position on a vote cast on February 9, 2012. The vote was on passage of S. 2038, the Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge (STOCK) Act, which would prohibit members of Congress and staff from benefiting from insider trading based on non-public information.

On rollcall vote Number 47, I did not vote. It was my intention to vote "aye."

HONORING UNITED STATES ARMY  
COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR  
DAVID DAVENPORT

**HON. SILVESTRE REYES**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 14, 2012*

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Command Sergeant Major David Davenport as he departs Fort Bliss and the 1st Armored Division. His selection as the U.S. Army Europe (USAREUR) Command Sergeant Major will provide him with a new opportunity to influence the next generation of Army leaders.

In his 27 years of Army service, Sergeant Major Davenport has held every enlisted leadership position from cavalry scout and tank commander to his current position as command sergeant major. Sergeant Major Davenport's career has taken him to Army installations across the United States and the world, and his assignment as Command Sergeant Major of the Future Forces Integration Directorate put him at the leading edge of the Army's top modernization initiative.

During their time in El Paso, Sergeant Major Davenport and his wife Claudia have not only committed themselves to supporting soldiers and their families at Fort Bliss, but they also served as ambassadors representing the post in the El Paso community. From completing the Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce Leadership Course to volunteering with many local organizations, Command Sergeant Major Davenport did not just live in El Paso; he made it his home. He worked with the civilian community to expand understanding of the changing mission of the post, and he helped enlisted soldiers and their families make important connections to the El Paso community.

In his time at Fort Bliss, Command Sergeant Major Davenport demonstrated outstanding leadership both as a strong advocate for the Army and as a liaison working to build bridges between the post and the civilian community. His most important role has been as a tireless voice for Fort Bliss soldiers and his families. From ensuring that they have the resources they need to achieve their mission to caring for enlisted families as they deal with deployments and other challenges, his unwavering commitment to serving those who serve is a model for future Army leaders.

As we say farewell to the Davenports and wish them well in their next assignment, I wanted to add my words of thanks and recognition for all that Dave and Claudia have done for our Army and our community. While we know the Army needs them in such a critical leadership position at USAREUR, we look forward to welcoming them back to El Paso in the future.

A RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING  
THE 233RD ANNIVERSARY OF  
THE BATTLE OF KETTLE CREEK

**HON. PAUL C. BROWN**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 14, 2012*

Mr. BROWN of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 233rd anniversary

of the Battle of Kettle Creek, one of Georgia's most memorable victories during the American Revolutionary War. The battle, which took place on February 14, 1779, demonstrates the popular patriotic spirit that defined our fight for freedom, as a small group of militiamen fearlessly confronted and conquered a force twice its size.

In pursuit of Colonel John Boyd and his force of British Loyalists, Colonels Andrew Pickens, John Dooly, and Elijah Clarke led Patriot rebel forces to attack at Kettle Creek. Despite being outnumbered and far less experienced, the fearless patriots rallied and decisively won the day. They inflicted many times the casualties and took the remaining contingent as prisoners. Following this extraordinary triumph, Colonel Pickens declared, "Kettle Creek was the severest check and chastisement the Tories ever received in South Carolina or Georgia."

For this reason, and on the occasion of its anniversary, it is my honor to acknowledge the victory at the Battle of Kettle Creek and pay tribute to the courageous soldiers who fought on behalf of their new sovereign Nation. Furthermore, I extend my sincere appreciation to organizations such as the Washington-Wilkes Chapter Sons of the American Revolution, Kettle Creek Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, Washington Wilkes Historical Foundation, and the Kettle Creek Battlefield Association for their efforts to discover our heritage and preserve our history for future generations.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to unite with my fellow Americans as we observe this remarkable event in Georgia history and recognize the indispensable role that the Battle of Kettle Creek achieved in the American Revolution.

CONGRATULATING MAYOR JIM  
RIDENOUR

**HON. JEFF DENHAM**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 14, 2012*

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my sincere congratulations to Mayor Jim Ridenour, as he completes his second term and concludes his service as Mayor of Modesto, California.

Born and raised in Modesto, Mayor Ridenour enjoyed a successful career in the ambulance industry before embarking on a career in public service. In 1974, he became the first paramedic certified in Santa Barbara County and served in law enforcement as a reserve deputy in both Stanislaus and Santa Barbara Counties. In forty years of service, Mayor Ridenour became Vice President for Central Valley Operations for American Medical Response and served five terms as chairman of the California Ambulance Association.

Since 2003, Mayor Ridenour led the city of Modesto under the premise that local government should be responsive to its citizens by providing basic services, while still being a responsible steward of taxpayers' dollars. The Mayor's background in business proved to be a perfect foundation for his commitment to making the City of Modesto a safe and prosperous community. During his time in office, Mayor Ridenour focused on improving the