

will complete college, get a good job and become productive, contributing citizens. Further, in California alone, 5,100 low-income children would lose access to child care services which their parents rely on to help them work to support their families.

Today, children under the age of 5 represent 12 percent of our national population, but 100 percent of our future. Cuts to programs that serve this critical population are shortsighted and will result in larger costs down the line.

We stand ready to work with you as colleagues next year to tackle the challenges which face our nation—challenges which know no partisan bounds. For now, know that, as your constituents, we stand behind you with the interests of the youngest among us in mind as you deliberate the fate of our fiscal house and a burgeoning problem which should not be left to address tomorrow.

Collegially,

Incoming First Term Members-Elect in the California Delegation—Julia Brownley, Scott Peters, Alan Lowenthal, Raul Ruiz, Mark Takano, Jared Huffman, Ami Bera, Tony Cardenas, Gloria Negrete McLeod, Juan Vargas, Eric Swalwell.

A TRIBUTE TO MR. HECTOR MACLEAN

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 11, 2012

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Hector MacLean, one of the most influential leaders ever to live in my own hometown of Lumberton, North Carolina. Mr. MacLean passed away on December 7, and he will be remembered as a banker, lawyer, World War II hero, mayor, state legislator, civic leader, philanthropist, Sunday School teacher, and friend. He will be dearly missed.

Mr. MacLean was born Sept. 15, 1920, to Angus Wilton MacLean, who served as North Carolina's governor from 1925 to 1929, and Margaret French MacLean in Baltimore. Mr. MacLean grew up in Lumberton and graduated from my own alma mater, Lumberton High School, in 1937. He then went on to graduate from Davidson College with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1941.

A courageous servant to his Nation during World War II, Mr. MacLean served as a Captain in General George Patton's 3rd Army during its successful campaigns in Europe. He was honorably discharged with the rank of Major and a Bronze Star Award in recognition of meritorious service in a combat zone.

Upon returning from military service, Mr. MacLean enrolled in law school at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, receiving his LLB degree in 1948. He returned to Lumberton to practice law, and his strong leadership in the community led to his being elected Mayor of Lumberton (1949–1953). He became president of the Bank of Lumberton, later called the Southern National Bank, in 1953. He also served as president of the Virginia and Carolina Southern Railroad Company.

Mr. MacLean continued as an effective leader when he was appointed to the North Carolina Senate in 1961, where he served for 10 years. During his tenure, he sponsored bills that led to Pembroke State College becoming

a part of the UNC System and the establishment of the North Carolina Zoo in Asheboro. He was also instrumental in bringing Interstate 95 through Lumberton when it was originally built. In 1997, it was my honor to lead the effort to designate that portion of I-95 which is in the city limits of Lumberton as the "Hector MacLean Highway."

During his life, Mr. MacLean contributed to numerous boards and civic groups, including serving as chairman of the board for St. Andrews Presbyterian College and on the boards for Peace College and Flora MacDonald College.

Mr. MacLean has received numerous accolades for his generosity and dedication to improving the lives of others, including the UNC-Chapel Hill's Distinguished Service Award, and honorary doctor of humane letters degrees at St. Andrews Presbyterian College and UNC-Pembroke. Mr. MacLean was inducted into the N.C. Business Hall of Fame and awarded the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, our State's highest civilian honor. Mr. Speaker, during his 92 years Hector MacLean proved himself a devoted and effective public servant and a man of good character. He was a giant of a man who touched so many lives in so many ways—in church, community, and professional life.

He was also a devoted family man and dear friend. He was my neighbor growing up, and he was close friends with my mother, who was also a banker, and my father, who was a fellow Elder at our church, First Presbyterian of Lumberton. In fact, my father and I used to substitute for Mr. MacLean and teach the Lacy McKenzie Bible Class, broadcast live over local radio, in his absence when he was away on business trips. He was a mentor to me inasmuch as I sought his advice and counsel when I first contemplated running for the United States Congress.

While Mr. MacLean chaired the Bicentennial Celebration of both Lumberton and Robeson County in 1986–87, I chaired the Bicentennial Celebration of the U.S. Constitution for our county. Together, we worked on numerous projects that we presented as joint celebrations. He loved Lumberton, Robeson County, North Carolina, and our great country.

May we never forget the goodness, humility, service, and character that defined the life of Hector MacLean. May God continue to bless all of his loved ones, the work he did, and the greatness that he inspired within all who knew him.

TRIBUTE TO REPRESENTATIVE YVONNE KENNEDY

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2012

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with sadness that I rise to note the untimely passing of a beloved South Alabama leader who devoted her life's work to advancing the cause of education among Alabama's youth.

On December 8, 2012, the people of Mobile received the sad news that State Representative Yvonne Kennedy passed away at age 67 after a brief illness. Her family was reported to be by her side. She leaves behind a rich legacy of leadership in both the Alabama Legislature as well as in Alabama higher education.

Born on January 8, 1945, Yvonne Kennedy received her B.S. from Alabama State University, an M.A. from Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland, a Ph.D. from the University of Alabama, and an Honorary Doctorate of Letters from Lane College in Jackson, Tennessee.

After completing her education she returned to Mobile to teach English at Bishop State Community College where she quickly assumed leadership roles, including assisting in the college's efforts to secure full accreditation.

First elected to the Alabama House of Representatives in a special election in 1979, Representative Kennedy served nearly 34 years in Montgomery, placing her among the most senior members of the Alabama legislature.

In the State Capitol, she was an active and influential member of the House Transportation, Utilities and Infrastructure Committee, the Economic Development and Tourism Committee (Ranking Minority Member), and the Children and Senior Advocacy Committee (Ranking Minority Member). She was also former Chairperson of the Alabama Legislative Black Caucus.

Believing that public service also involved engaging and preparing our youth for future careers, Representative Kennedy was a luminary in the Mobile education community. In 1981, she assumed the presidency of Bishop State Community College, serving until 2007. She was the first African American woman to head an Alabama state college. Under her leadership, Bishop State expanded its size from one to three campuses. She was a member of the Board of the American Association for Higher Education, and served as a Trustee of Miles College.

She gave much of her time to organizations devoted to uplifting our youth. Most notably, she served as National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, a non-profit organization devoted to economic and educational development, physical and mental health, and political involvement. She was active in the Junior Miss Scholarship Foundation and served as Youth Director for the Board of Christian Education of the Southeast Alabama Conference of the CME Church. She was also Chairman of the Mobile County United Negro College Fund Campaign.

Representative Kennedy was a long-time member of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in Mobile.

On behalf of the people of Alabama, I offer my personal condolences to the family and many friends of Representative Kennedy. She was a good friend to many in our community where her selfless attention to the needs of our young people changed many lives for the better. She will be greatly missed.

IN RECOGNITION OF MARC A. CEVASCO

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2012

Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the exceptional service of Marc Cevasco, who has served with great distinction on my staff for more than seven years.

From his humble start as an intern in my Washington DC office to ultimately serving as my Chief of Staff, Marc has demonstrated an unparalleled work ethic, poise under pressure, tremendous intelligence, and the highest moral character. Over the past seven years he has held nearly every position on my staff and, regardless of the task at hand, always approached his duties with the utmost professionalism. Marc is truly one of the most effective, reliable and ethical people I have ever met. He is also indefatigable, as it was routine for him to be the first one into the office in the morning and the last one to leave at night.

As a member of my senior staff, Marc served as my primary policy advisor and directed the legislative staff. In addition, he was responsible for helping me with my top priority as a Member of Congress: ensuring the security of our country. In addition to all his other responsibilities, Marc served, brilliantly, as my staffer on national security issues, managing my work on the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee.

Marc was born in Belleville, New Jersey. His parents, Andrew and Doreen Cevasco, raised him and his sister, Alison, and his two brothers, Andrew and Kevin, in Rutherford, New Jersey. He attended St. Peter's Preparatory School in Jersey City, New Jersey and then went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Philosophy from Loyola College in Baltimore, Maryland. While he worked long hours in my office, Marc made time to further advance his education, earning a Master's Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the United States Naval War College in 2010. Marc and his wonderful wife, Jenna Grant Cevasco, were married last June and they are expecting their first child next spring.

Prior to joining my staff, Marc served in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps in Sacramento, California. He worked at a transitional housing agency for homeless individuals who suffered with mental illness and substance abuse. Marc has not forgotten these experiences working with the overlooked and marginalized in our society and he carried the ideals of service and social justice with him to his work on Capitol Hill.

Marc has provided indispensable leadership to my staff and has been a trusted voice of counsel to me. He has my deepest respect and greatest appreciation for all of the many contributions he has made to my office and the well-being of my constituents and our country.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to formally and forever thank Marc Cevasco for his service to me, to the House of Representatives, to his home state of New Jersey, and to his country.

RECOGNIZING MR. WILLIAM SHINN

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2012

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. William Shinn as he retires after 45 years in public service to the people of Contra Costa County and the City of Concord. Bill Shinn has been known throughout the community as a man of integrity, and he has served with uncommon selflessness; we are all beneficiaries of his efforts.

Following his graduation from Mt. Diablo High School in 1959, Bill entered the United States Navy and served our country with distinction. Upon his release, he returned to Concord and joined the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department as a Deputy Sheriff. He quickly worked his way up the ranks to Captain, managing the County Detention System and security for Superior Court judges and courthouses.

During this time, Bill earned an Associate of Arts from Diablo Valley College, a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Criminal Justice from Sacramento State University, and a Master of Business Administration from Golden Gate University. In addition, Bill is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. After 29 years serving the people of Contra Costa County in law enforcement, Bill retired his badge to continue engaging in community work.

In 2004, Bill was elected to the Concord City Council, beginning his third "career" in public service. He served on the County-wide Committee on Ending Homelessness and chaired the city's Redevelopment Agency, the East Bay Regional Communications System, the County Parole Commission and the Concord Human Relations Commission. Bill was re-elected to City Council in 2008 and continued work on issues important to his constituents. Bill also served as Vice Mayor as well as Mayor of the City of Concord.

As dedicated as Bill is to community service, he is equally devoted to his wonderful family. He and his wife, Gale, raised two daughters and now enjoy the company of their four grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I invite this chamber to join me in honoring Councilman William Shinn for his life-long service to our nation, our county and our community; and to join his family, friends and colleagues in congratulating him on a highly successful career. We wish Bill the very best as he begins a well-deserved retirement.

AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 2838, THE COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2012

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the legislation before us today to authorize the activities of the United States Coast Guard.

While I am dismayed that the measure does not include broader provisions to authorize the Coast Guard's important homeland security missions, I am pleased that it provides a much-needed and long overdue refinement to the Transportation Worker Identification Credential program.

The Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) program, administered by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and Coast Guard, is focused on protecting the Nation's maritime transportation facilities and vessels by requiring workers who need unescorted access to secure port facilities to obtain a biometric identification card.

Currently, workers must travel to TWIC enrollment centers to enroll in the program and then make a second trip to pick up and activate their approved TWICs.

This unnecessary process of requiring workers to make two trips to enrollment centers, which may be hundreds of miles from their home or workplace, has burdened American maritime and transportation workers since the program's inception in 2007.

The measure before us streamlines the program by requiring DHS to develop a process to mail TWICs to approved applicants rather than making workers return to an enrollment center to do so.

Unfortunately, however, this bill fails to fully address a number of maritime security provisions that passed in the House this Congress.

Nevertheless, on balance I support the legislation before us today and in particular the provision to streamline the TWIC process for American workers.

I urge Members to give it their support.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2012

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent and missed roll call votes during the week of December 3, 2012. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall votes, 614, 615, 617, 618, 619 and "no" on rollcall vote 616.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF CAROLYN FOSTER TO FAIR WISCONSIN

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2012

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Carolyn Foster for her service to Fair Wisconsin, and by extension, all lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Wisconsinites.

Fair Wisconsin is the statewide advocacy organization for LGBT individuals and families. Its mission is to advance, achieve, and protect equality for all LGBT citizens of Wisconsin. Ms. Foster joined the Fair Wisconsin staff in 2009 as the organization's accountant, at a challenging time for the organization.

She has ably assisted the organization in bringing order, stability, and consistency to its financial recordkeeping, policies, and procedures, which has made a critical difference in the overall management of the organization. She has been key to good financial management and stewardship of the organization's resources.

In the face of dealing with a terminal illness, Ms. Foster brings a strong sense of responsibility and an incredible work ethic to her work, as well as a quick wit and warm regard for her co-workers. The boards of directors and the staff of Fair Wisconsin are in awe of her tenacity, her dedication, and conscientiousness, and her strong and positive spirit. She is an invaluable and deeply valued member of the Fair Wisconsin team.

As a founder of Fair Wisconsin, I wish to extend my deep appreciation to Carolyn Foster for her service to the organization and the cause of equality for LGBT Wisconsinites. I wish her all the best.